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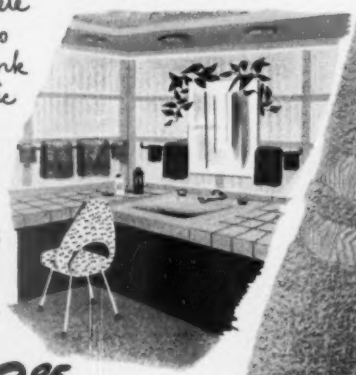

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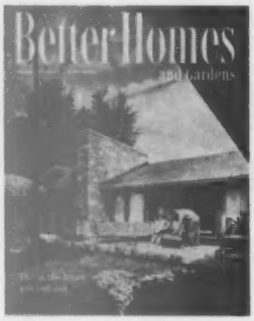

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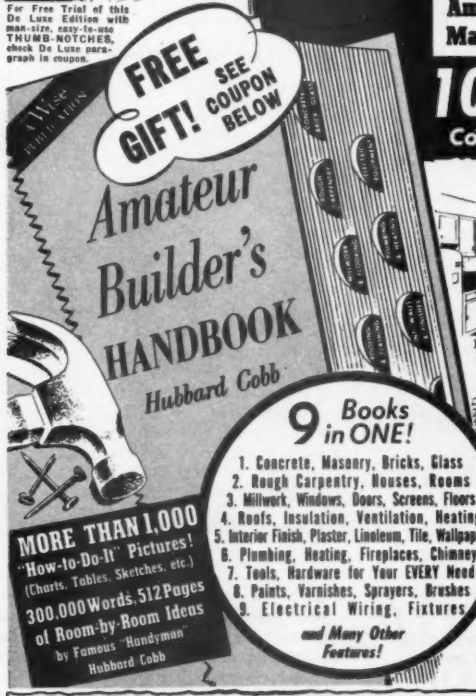

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Professor Frederick L. Schuman,* who has given the new, much-discussed pyschiatric "science" a trial in his own home town, here explores dianetics as it might apply to you

In such times as these, prescriptions for peace of mind, or peace of soul, or emotional maturity, or freedom from fear find a ready market. Some work. Some do not. No one really knows why—except that firm belief in any means of escape from worry seemingly helps to make it work, whether that escape be yogurt, canasta, or psychoanalysis.

During the past year, a new approach to personal insecurity has aroused wide attention. The problems it poses, and the claims it makes, are at least not dull. Can you, through it, help a delinquent boy or a chronic drunkard? Can you safeguard unborn babies from emotional upsets in later life? Can you, without drugs, ease a pain, cure a headache, or remove an allergy? Can you, by re-experiencing your past and talking about it to a listening friend, free yourself from outbursts of temper, moods of depression, or weird illnesses with no known physical cause? The new prescription—called dianetics—says definitely: "Yes, you can!"

Hailed as a science by its friends and as a hoax by its foes, dianetics offers fresh answers to old questions. Everyone would like to know whether the answers are any good. Along with my family and a few neighbors in a small college town nested in the purple hills of the Berkshires, I have tried to find out. My answers are at any rate intriguing, because—true or false—they raise more problems than they solve. But first, let me outline what the practice of dianetics is and what those who practice it believe:

The mind, say the disciples of dianetics, works on two levels. The Analytical Mind solves problems with the speed and accuracy of a business machine—or would if it were free to do so. It is often not free because of the Reactive Mind, where all pain, grief, and unconsciousness are recorded while the Analytical Mind is temporarily shut down. Such recordings are called "engrams." They are not memories, for they are ordinarily not recalled to the Analytical Mind. They are believed (by the dianeticists) to be recordings in living body cells—not necessarily nerve cells. They begin not with birth, but with conception.

Engrams, particularly those engrams recorded before birth, are thought by the practitioners of dianetics to be the common cause of "aberrations," meaning all failures of the Analytical Mind to work at top efficiency, and all inner conflicts and anxieties which have no source in the real world or in physical illness. Aberrations range from mental "blocks," emotional upsets, and psychosomatic diseases to crime, madness, or early death. All of which are said to be brought about by the restimulation or keying-in of early engrams by unhappy experiences of later life.

If all this is true (and it may be), then dianetics offers a way to do something about it. Engrams can be located, tracked down, reduced, or erased. How? By having an "auditor," who asks questions, hears answers, and computes results, listen to you or me or anyone while we relax on a couch into a "dianetic reverie" and try—by "returning on the time track" to our earliest painful experiences—to tell the auditor (and ourselves) what our engrams are, and when and why we got them.

Any intelligent person can follow the rules and learn to be an auditor. The person on the couch can learn to relive his engrams, with all sounds, sights, and feelings, going back to the earliest prenatal experiences, called "basic-basic." By telling about them repeatedly and transferring them to conscious memory, he removes their power to aberrate his Analytical Mind. He can thus become (it is claimed) a "release," who is free from anxiety and filled with new zest for life—or, with many more sessions, a "clear," who has no engrams and is capable of maximum accomplishment, happiness, and service to mankind.

Who says these things and holds out such hopes? By now, many thousands of Americans. But first, a friendly, vigorous, red-haired mental explorer named Lafayette Ronald Hubbard, born in Nebraska 40 years ago. His career has included the jobs of engineering student, globe-trotter, fiction writer, radio writer, glider pilot, amateur psychologist, naval lieutenant (wounded in 1943); and now lecturer, teacher, research director, and executive. His book, a best-seller much of last year, [*Turn to page 9*

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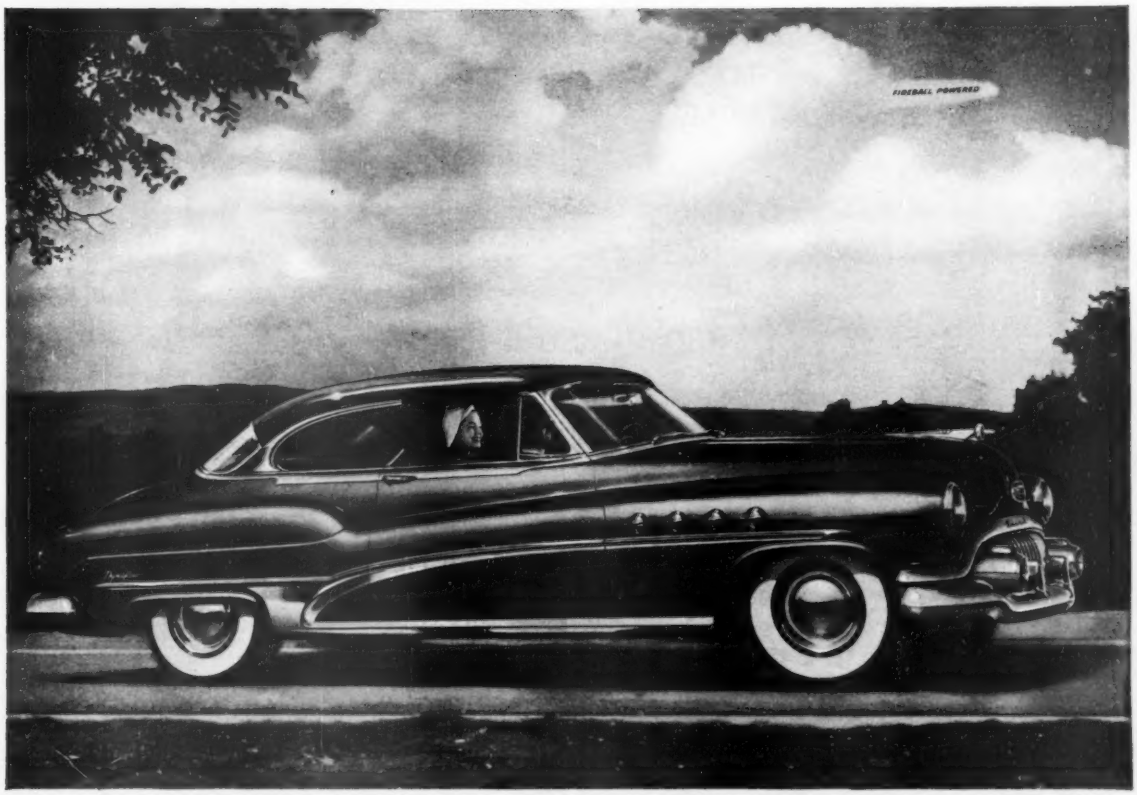

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Peace of mind in dianetics?

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I first read with skepticism and then reread with growing interest: *Dianetics, The Modern Science of Mental Health*, Hermitage House, New York.

Let it be clearly understood that Hubbard's neat and exciting theory is *not* proved, in any genuinely scientific sense, by any documented evidence in the book or anywhere else to date. None of the 275 cases on which Hubbard based his work has been written up in scholarly form. No one has ever "seen" an engram or observed any proof that engrams exist other than their apparent effects. Is the idea, then, a fantasy? Not necessarily. No one has ever "seen" an inferiority complex, or a conditioned reflex, or an atom, or an electron. Such abstractions are tools to think with. They are "true" if action based on their assumed existence produces expected results, and "false" if no such results follow. As for this test of dianetics, more later.

Mr. Hubbard and others who had a hand in the exploratory work preferred, for better or for worse, to present their "new science" in the guise of a popular handbook, designed to encourage large numbers of people to begin dianetic auditing, rather than to prove their case in advance through long and costly experimentation. This decision, perhaps justified on the ground of making help immediately available to people who need it, has aroused suspicion and distrust among serious scientists. Within another year, reports of cases and controlled experiments will be published in the *Dianetic Auditor's Bulletin* and by various independent physicians, psychoanalysts, and psychiatrists now employing dianetic techniques. Yet even this may not end the great debate, which has really only just begun.

In our town, almost a year ago, the debate began on Main Street and continued in living rooms, classrooms, and even churches. The genial proprietor of our College Bookstore was delighted at the mounting sales of the book. A teacher of mathematics and a local doctor both said, "Rubbish!" Another physician expressed interest. A visiting psychiatrist was puzzled. Our best-beloved philosopher wrote me a letter on "responsible statements." The dispute then slowly faded out, except among a select few who decided there was only one possible way to check Hubbard's claims. That way was to put them to a test in practice.

By summer a physics professor, who was bored with his migraine and stomach ulcers, was auditing his wife at the same time she audited him. I was auditing my wife, who was soon auditing two townswomen. Others joined in the adventure. Cynics scoffed. But fools (and some professors) rush in where angels fear to tread.

We were soon quite excited, as if we had come upon a revelation. Not that we did very well, at first. Dianetics may, or may not, become a science. But auditing is an art. We learned by trial and error. We compared notes. I was sufficiently impressed to visit the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation in Elizabeth, New Jersey. A professional auditors' course was under way. A co-auditors' course was flourishing. Publishing plans were being pushed. Eager and able young people, some of them with stars in their eyes, were working enthusiastically at what they plainly regarded as a great mission. Mr. Hubbard was on the eve of departure for California to direct and expand the work on the West Coast.

Back home, we argued, corresponded with critics and converts, and reread our books on psychoanalysis and psychiatry. The chairman of our Psychology Department pointed out some of Hubbard's crude errors and suggested that dianetic reverie was probably a form of light hypnosis. A younger psychologist was interested in trying it, but could not bear the thought of returning to a thing he had struggled hard to forget: a bomber crash in England in 1943 when, as the sole surviving flyer, he had screamed, "Let me out; let me out!" My wife's query to him—"Have you ever experienced any feelings of claustrophobia?"—brought the somewhat surprised reply that since the crash he had felt unhappy if he stayed very long in any one job. He left our town in September for a new teaching post.

By late autumn a small group of our local students, quite on their own initiative, were auditing one another. The Hubbard book was a national sensation. I had vainly tried to persuade various editors to permit me to review it. They preferred to ignore it, and when they could no longer do so, to assign it to "authorities" who denounced it with varying degrees of ridicule, anxiety, or apoplexy. I lectured on dianetics in Boston's Community Church, and met with what is usually called "a mixed reception."

Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Americans across the continent were taking up the "cause" or "cult" or "craze," or whatever it is, in some disrespect of authority. So what, in the name of common sense, can people who are as yet unacquainted with dianetics believe about it? Let's look at the record.

Aside from the treatment of psychotics under medical care, dianetics helps only those who help themselves. The search for engrams, whether helpful or not, is fascinating. All of us here, in our audited journeys into the past, have discovered a new dimension of memory. We have relived events of infancy of which we had no previous awareness. Most of us,

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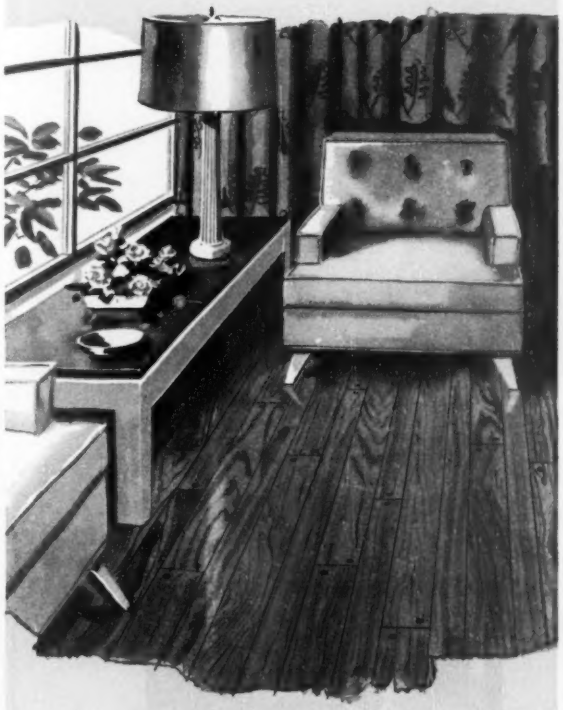

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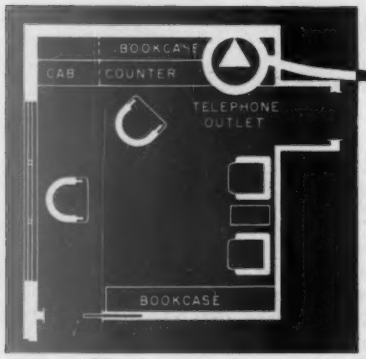

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this family?

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3 **"Aw, Myrt, let him go."** Dad Alexander gets his oar in. "You know Jack's a good swimmer. I never had to have a grownup with me when I went in the old swimming hole. Get going now, Jack, before your mother gets herself all steamed up."

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4 **"Jack, come back here,"** his mother calls. But, with his dad's O.K., Jack is headed for the pond with Russ and Pete. Jack usually minds his mother, but he agrees his dad is right this time. "Mom's not going to make a sissy out of *me*," he thinks.

What's wrong with this family?
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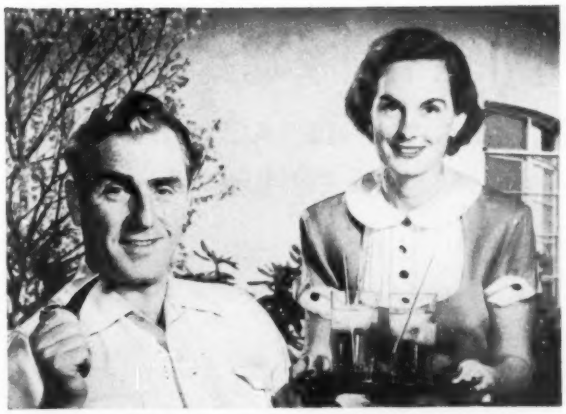

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Old, but not outdated

It takes only a little remodeling to bring new grace and glamour to an old house

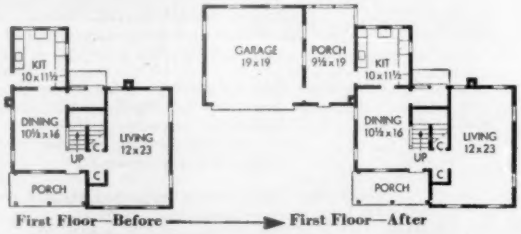
By Dorothy McCullough

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Spence of Rockford, Illinois, is not an architectural gem, by today's standards. The windows with their curved tops are a bit old-fashioned, the chimney isn't high enough or big enough, and the front porch is a symbol of past years.

But in this same house, built some hundred years ago, you find other qualities that make it a good piece of architecture as a whole. It has a magnificent setting, sheltered by a cover of tall shade trees, and is natural in the farm landscape of which it is a part. The house is bright with color—strong reds and reflective whites that catch your eye, even when you're looking the other way. And the lines are straight, quite simple, and pleasing.

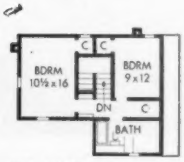
Much of the responsibility for the present looks of the house goes to the Spences. They put on the red paint. They added a porch and garage which help make the house look lower, longer, and more a part of the times. And they have kept the setting in good condition.

Inside, the house is a combination of rustic restfulness and the efficiency of the 1950's. Walls are pine; furniture shows the wear of supporting people in comfort for years. But the pine takes little cleaning, and what little it needs it takes easily. There's plenty of time after work is done to spend outdoors, and there's plenty of shaded outdoors to enjoy.



Interior changes consisted almost entirely of covering moldering signs of the past—cracked plaster, stained wallpaper, chipped paint—with knotty pine. Furnishings fit well into rustic, textured setting

Grove of tall shade trees and neatly kept expanse of front lawn make a perfect setting for the Spences' remodeled, hundred-year-old farmhouse. The exterior has been repainted a barn red with white trim



Second Floor

As you can see from plans, remodeling consisted mainly of adding a porch-breezeway and a two-car garage. The real changes required—refinishing the interior surfaces—don't show in the plans. Except for new bathroom, the second floor was not altered

Porch-breezeway between kitchen and garage is painted dark green and white to give cool, summery feeling. Door behind camera can be opened for through ventilation. Front wall was left solid for privacy

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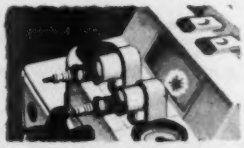

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Kitchen is a pleasant cross between old and new. Metal cabinets and tile floor cool warm wood tones. Old pine kitchen case fits into the room, lends farmhouse atmosphere

As in kitchen, dining-room floors are red- and gray-splattered tile. Old window shutters fold together to form Dutch-type kitchen door

So the old farm atmosphere wouldn't be lost, the Spences have used old pieces in a practical way, such as this clothes horse for their son, made from an antique wool binder

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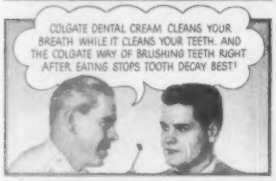

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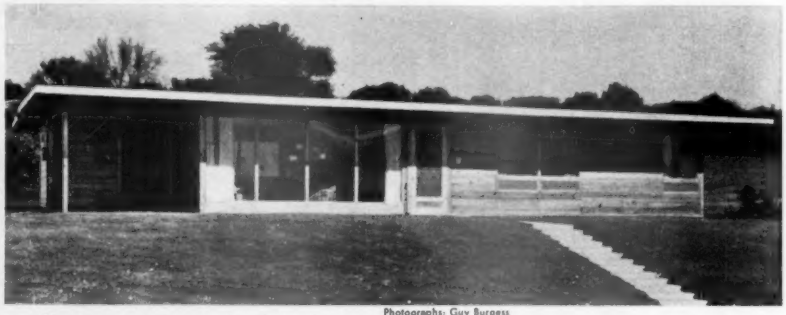

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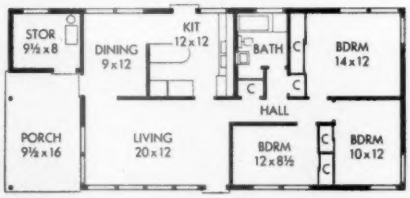
Here's your log cabin—1951 style! Roof and walls of this handsome modern home were built of the revolutionary lumber product described below. Plan at right



By T. H. Kimble

The typical log cabin of the American frontier was a pretty fair solution to the housing problem of its era. If you had some trees, an ax, some land, and a helper, you could move your family into a snug house in a very few days.

The log-cabin idea—that of building a house by simply piling up chunks of wood—now has been revived, modernized, and improved upon by a forward-looking Denver firm, Apex Wood Products, Incorporated.

A solid, 4x8-inch, redcedar timber—tongued-and-grooved and end-matched—is the basic unit of the Apex house. These "logs," anchored to each other and to the foundation and top plate by steel rods, are the finished walls—both inside and out. Covered with paper, tar, and gravel, they may also be the roof.

The cost-cutting factor works in two ways. First in the saving of time and labor in construction. The house above was erected by five unskilled workers in just four days. Second, the saving in material. When the walls are up—they're finished! You need no sheathing or siding outside, no lath or plaster inside.

For prices and further information, write to Apex Wood Products, Inc., 602 Umatilla Street, Denver, Colorado.

Cedar timbers can be used, too, for complete or partial interior partitions. Here they separate dining area from living room. The floor is of asphalt tile on a concrete slab

Interior face of wall and ceiling timbers can be stained, varnished, painted. Insulating value is equal to standard frame construction plus two inches of insulation

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A new way to build a house

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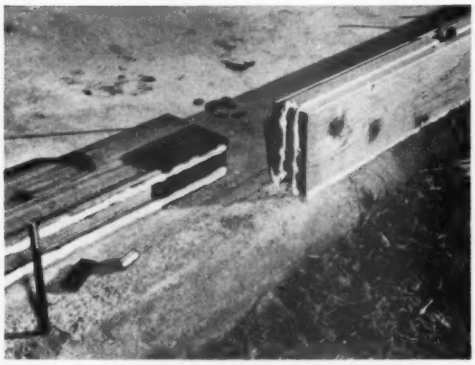
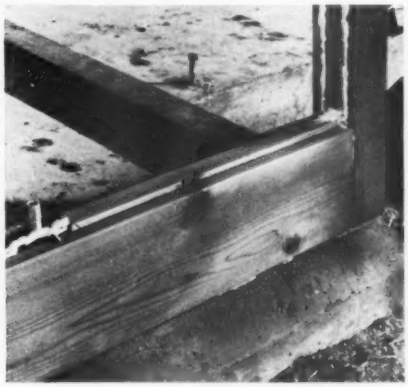
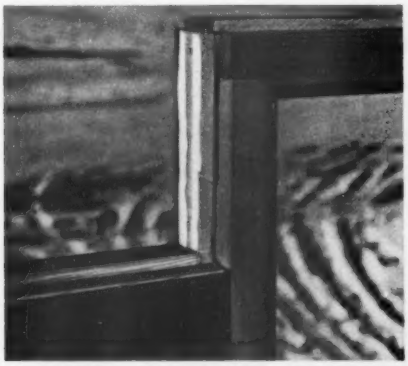


Apex house can be built on concrete slab, as here, or on a standard basement foundation. Factory-drilled timbers are fitted over rods embedded in the slab, then tightened down with threaded collars



At corners, a 4x4 upright—milled to fit the end-matching of the logs—is bolted onto them. Special calking compound insures permanent weather-tightness of all joints



Wood lath nailed to door and window frames gives smooth tongue-and-groove fit. Logs are sanded and clear-primed before delivery; they come in 4-, 8-, 12-, and 16-foot lengths

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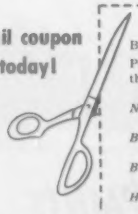

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A new way to build a house

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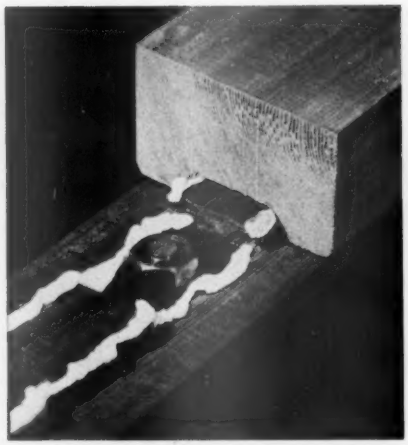
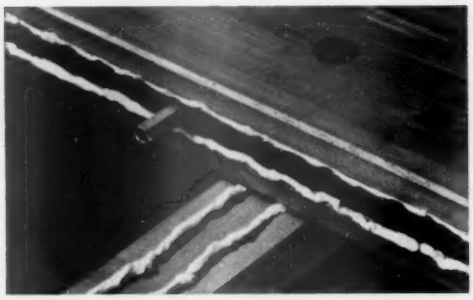
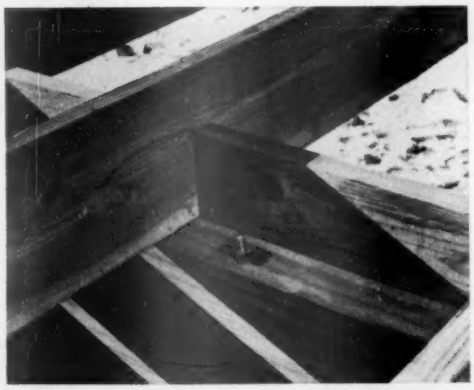


Here's a close-up of how the top timber (just under the top plate, a 2x4) is secured. Both the material and the method of construction have local F.H.A. and V.A. approval



Roof can be of timbers laid flat and bolted into walls (as above), or of standard rafter construction (see below). Roof logs are held together longitudinally by same rod-and-collar device used in walls



If a standard pitched roof is wanted, rafters are simply toenailed into the top timber and the roof proceeds from there as in conventional construction. Apex homes have been built in several states

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½ teaspoon salt	**3 tablespoons water**

Sift flour and salt into bowl. Remove ¼ cup flour. Cut Crisco into remaining flour with pastry blender, fork or two knives, until the pieces are the size of small peas. Mix 3 tablespoons water with the ¼ cup of flour to form paste. Add flour paste to Crisco-flour mixture. Mix and shape into ball. On floured pastry board or cloth, lightly roll circle of dough 12" in diameter and ⅛" thick. Line pie plate; trim edge of pastry ½" outside of plate. Fold edge under and flute with fingers or a fork. Prepare filling.

FILLING

½ cup Crisco	**3 tbsps. sugar**
⅔ cup sugar	**¾ cup chopped raisins**
3 eggs	**1¼ cups chopped nuts**
2 tbsps. flour	**1 tsp. vanilla**

Cream Crisco, ⅔ cup sugar, 2 eggs and 1 egg yolk together. Stir in flour. Beat remaining egg white until it holds a peak. Beat in 3 tbsps. sugar. Fold this thoroughly into first mixture. Gradually fold in raisins, nuts and vanilla. Place in unbaked pie shell. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 10 minutes; lower temperature to 350°F. and continue baking about 30 minutes. Cool. Before serving, decorate with whipped cream.

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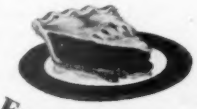

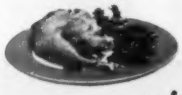

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Picture window on the north

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What a view the Max Holmes get from their picture window in Des Moines! They have this view only because their window faces north

By Rand E. Wright

In most new homes you see these days, large glass areas end up in the south wall. There they let in low winter sunlight and the sun's warmth. There they are away from sharp winter winds. There they will let in a view—if you have a view to let in.

That's fine if your best view is toward the south, and you can put all this glass on the private side of the house. But what if your lot is on the north side of the street, and your best view is to the north?

There's nothing wrong with a picture window on the north, and many architects prefer that position to any other wall in the house. Here are four good reasons why:

First, heat loss through a north window is slight with double glass or tight storm windows. A heat outlet below the window will ward off cold drafts that might creep in.

Second, you don't have to think about closing draperies to control sun's heat. You can leave draperies open from morning to night, will always have an unobstructed view.

Third, a north picture window will always give you good working or reading light without glare.

And last, you will always see your view, whether 50 miles long or 50 feet, with the sun full upon it. If you enjoy the softness of early morning or late afternoon light, you know how pleasant it is to see sunlight on leaves and walls instead of shade and black silhouette.

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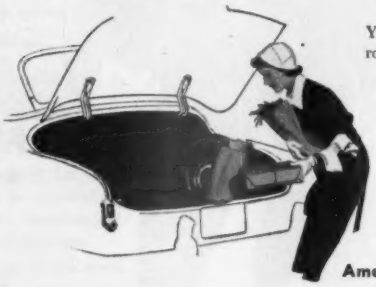

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Latest Garden News?

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Less fertilizer needed in leaf feeding

Experiments with leaf feeding of plants seem to indicate that one ounce of phosphorus in a spray applied to leaves does the work of a pound applied to soil.

As to speed with which plants can absorb fertilizers through their leaves, Dr. S. H. Wittwer of Michigan State College says that an hour after radioactive phosphorus is applied to foliage, it can be detected in all growing parts of the plant. Radioactive potash moves with equal speed.

New flower with a past

The new annual for 1951, Angel's Trumpet Ivory King, was found growing around an old temple site in the Andes mountains in South America.

A clearing where a temple once stood usually can be spotted by the Angel's Trumpet plants growing where medicine men performed the trepanning operation so conspicuous on old Inca skulls.

Instead of the single trumpet produced by the regular species, Ivory King has triple trumpets, one inside the other. Botanically, it is *Datura metel.*

Don't "bite" on flowering fakes

If you are asked to buy the miraculous "Moonbeam Lily" that grows under water—don't.

Petty fakers take thousands of dollars away from innocent flower lovers with this humbug. If sold at fairs or flower shows, the plant is said to flower in a week—just long enough for the seller to get out of town. If vended from door to door, flowers are promised overnight.

The miraculous plant is achieved by taking almost any flower, from roses to carnations, and attaching it to the root of *Trapa natans,* a water weed. The fake is submerged in water and sold under any of a hundred intriguing names.

No flowering plants produce their blooms under water—there is no reason for a plant to do so.

Science fights oak wilt disease

Oak wilt can be prevented, not cured, according to University of Wisconsin scientists.

By treating one tree in a forest with sodium arsenite, it was proved that it had underground contact with others growing around it. Five trees, all untouched by the original arsenite treatment, died near the tree to which this poison was applied. Control now consists in cutting the contact between neighboring trees with a

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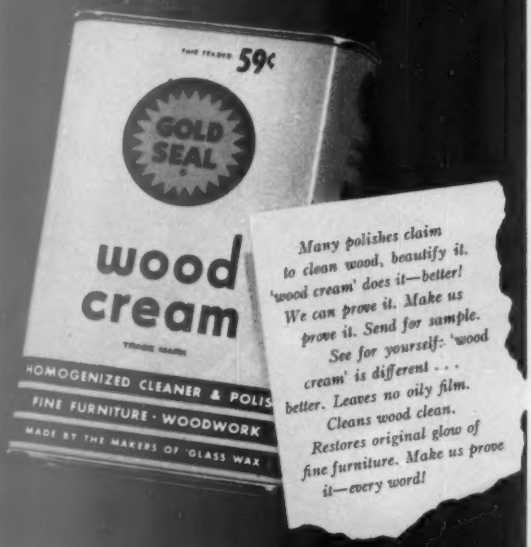

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tractor-drawn knife, or by poisoning a ring of trees around infected specimens.

In 1950, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, and Nebraska were added to the upper Mississippi Valley states where the dread oak disease exists.

More flies wanted!

The European corn borer, a pest that hits several home-garden plants in addition to sweet corn, and seriously damaged green peppers in Canada last year, may be controlled by parasitic flies and wasps.

Tests at the University of Missouri prove the existence of both flies and wasps that live entirely on the corn borer, and do not attack other plants and animals.

Most effective is a fly called *Lydella grisescens*, which has two broods a year about the same time as corn-borer broods appear. Problem now is to get enough of the flies propagated and distributed to make effective control possible.

Oaks as "Typhoid Marys"

New threats to American street and forest trees have been reported.

At a recent meeting of the American Horticultural Council at Michigan State College, studies were described showing that oaks harbor the organism which causes chestnut blight, although oaks themselves are not attacked openly by the disease. This means that although chestnuts are replanted, they soon become diseased from oaks and die out.

Also mentioned was a new beech disease—a fungus that weakens the bark and lets insects and bacteria enter and kill the tree.

Wide use of acid-soil plants through fungi

The key to growing acid-soil plants like azaleas and rhododendrons in alkaline regions may lie in fungi, according to Dr. Wendell H. Camp, president of the American Horticultural Council and curator of experimental botany at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.

In Sweden, Dr. E. Melin reported recently that certain fungi growing on the roots of pine trees enabled the trees to take up phosphorus from the soil.

Doctor Camp feels that if we could develop similar fungi that could live on acid-soil plants and convert their food into soluble form, they might be used to speed up plant growth in unfavorable environments.

Destruction of fungi which live on roots of birches is a problem in areas where drouth or drainage reduces ground-water supplies. Without the fungi, trees can't get enough food. As a result, many birches in New England last year were "stag-headed"—the upper half dying out, the rest of the branches spread like antlers.

Plant tumors in cancer research

A new substance that slows plant growth—Amethopterin—has been discovered in the course of research work on plant tumors at the New York Botanical Garden.

Under a grant from the American Cancer Society, scientists are attempting to find chemicals which will slow down or stop the growth of tumors in plants. These may have value in checking the unrestrained growth of cancer cells.

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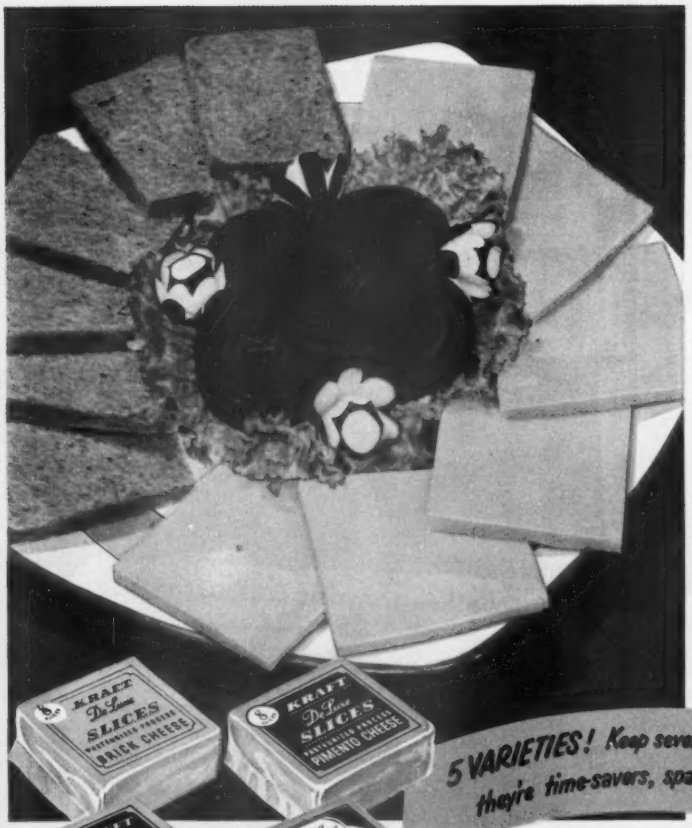

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Planting guides

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Low-growing evergreens, such as Pfitzer junipers, are best for the foundation of the average home. (See "How to Plant Around Your House," page 50, January, 1951, *Better Homes & Gardens*, for more information on foundation problems.)

Minimum planting distance from foundation is 30 inches, with 48 inches or more between plants. If the planting area is sodded, cut sod into 12-inch strips and peel it off. Some of the sod, placed upside down in the planting hole, will help nourish the plants.

Drive a stake where evergreen is to be planted, and dig your hole 12 inches wider in diameter and about the same depth as your ball of roots. Ease the plant into the hole gently. It's not necessary to remove the burlap around the roots. Fill in around soil ball with soil; settle with water.

Q *We have no privacy at the back of our lot and plan a hedge to provide it for us. Can you give us some advice on starting an inexpensive hedge?* *F. F. R., Minnesota*

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First locate the corner stakes on your lot. If the stakes are lost, it is safest to have the lot surveyed. Then stretch a cord along the lot line. Place a series of stakes 24 inches in from the lot line, as shown above, to indicate where plants go.

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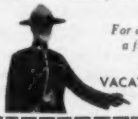

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Home, sweet home—the hard way

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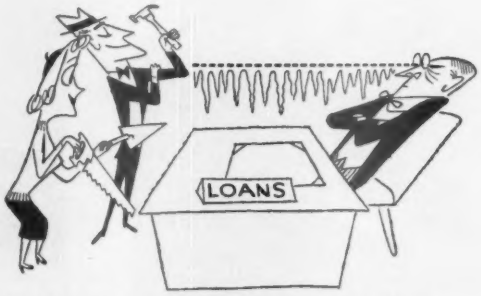
By Alice M. Bak



The banking boys weren't too eager to go along with our scheme

During the past five years, you have heard and read many stories about families who built their own homes. Some of those stories were inspiring; some were incredible; some were funny. The one you're going to read now, ours, is a mixture—sort of—of all three.

Some people were smart to build their own homes. They got, that way, a home they couldn't otherwise have had. Others should never have tried it. They got only frustration, blisters, headaches, and less house for their money than they could have bought ready-made. We think we fall, mostly, in the first category.

We had friends, however, who asked us if we thought *they* should try building their own. We told 'em: "No." Why? Here were their qualifications:

1. They'd had their eviction notice for months, and the new tenants were gradually moving in on top of them.

2. They hated the place they were living in anyway, and swore they'd pitch a tent before paying more rent to *any* landlord.

3. They had only a couple of hundred dollars saved, and they expected the bank to say a few magic words over it and produce the rest for them.

4. They didn't think they could easily give up their weekend parties, their Saturday rounds of golf, their many other activities.

5. They thought that building a house would be a snap.

On the other hand, here were *our* qualifications, which we thought would enable us to become successful members of the build-your-own club:

1. We were living in a decent apartment, with no apparent danger of being ousted.

2. We had a few thousand dollars in the bank that we didn't plan to spend for luxuries just because our friends had them.

3. We had, we felt, plenty of ambition and stick-to-itiveness—plus our healthy, understanding (we hoped) father and father-in-law.

4. We were prepared to give up most of our social life for a long time, and to not feel too badly about living in a partially completed house.

5. We'd been looking for a really worthwhile, demanding hobby.

There were other important items that we didn't forget. First among those items was me.

If I'd been a social butterfly, or the "I'm-so-neglected" type of wife, my husband would have given up the building idea right quick—or he'd have found that after the house was finished, he'd be living in it all alone.

Another problem was how to handle friends and relatives who wailed "Gee, I wish I had your money" in louder and louder tones as our project progressed. What they didn't seem to realize was that the farther *up* the house went, the farther *down* the bank roll came!

We were also troubled with a group called the It-Can't-Be-Doners. They were on hand every Saturday and Sunday waiting for something to go wrong, just so they'd have a chance to say," I told you that you couldn't do it." A well-aimed brick now and then kept these undesirable characters at a respectful distance.

Next, the problem of finances—or lack of same.

Initiative is a great thing, but we found that as far as banks and loan companies are concerned, a thing of the past. Generally, they were not too delighted to lend their surplus to a bright, energetic young couple who wanted to build a house by the sweat of their own brows. They'd much rather have let a few carpenters and masons do the perspiring, while we just sat back and got gray hair and ulcers wondering where the heck we were going to get the money to meet the payments each month.

Now we were getting a little worried. But we could see their

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Drawings: O'Reilly

An occasional brick kept the It-Can't-Be-Doners out of our hair

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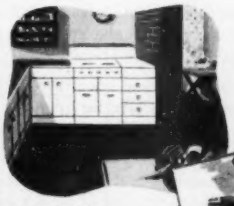

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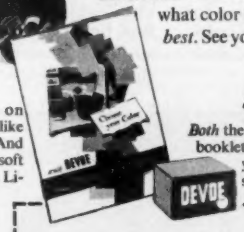

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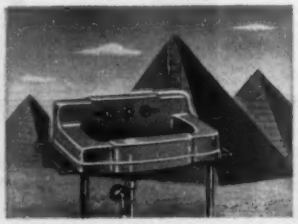

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Having decided to build, we submerged ourselves in our planning

point, too. So, we rolled up our plans sadly and went home to think things over out loud. And then we reached a big decision. The house would be built *without* a mortgage!

While our kinfolk were deciding whether to send us to Arizona (which would also have been good for my sinus) or to Alaska (where the cold might have knocked some sense into our heads) for a long rest, we were off in a corner busily spending both our salaries for the next two years.

How did we get started on all this? Well, we got the urge from some we-built-it-ourselves friends who spent a weekend with us. It was just after that visit that I began to visualize houses on every empty lot. The germ had taken hold—and on both of us.

An evening or two later I missed the usual unpleasant odor of airplane "dope" around the apartment (I was a model-airplane widow), and I found my husband hunched over the table, drawing. I looked casually over his shoulder, expecting to see a picture of the exact-scale gas engine I'd be ordered to buy the next day for his latest creation. What a shock *I* received! There in front of me was the floor plan of a house!

For a few weeks we were very happy with our little floor plan, drawing and redrawing it. The apartment was such a clutter of magazines and clippings that we were almost submerged. There were drawings of houses, photographs of houses, and models of houses made out of everything but the legs of our coffee table.

Even after I got out *both* bankbooks and showed my lord and master why we couldn't afford a house as fine as the one he'd drawn, he still wasn't convinced. Being endowed with neither time nor money, my husband is blessed with an overabundance of ambition. The only logical answer for him was, "I'll build it myself." So *we* did just exactly that.

First we had to find a piece of land worthy of our home. After a month of tramping through every swamp and gravel pit within 10 miles, we discovered that, as far as price was concerned, our *house* wouldn't be worthy of any of the *property* we looked at.

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As soon as our excavation was under way, all the It-Can't-Be-Doners were on hand. They didn't

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We finally found a lot worthy of our home—but this wasn't it!

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want to miss a chance to say "I told you so" if anything went wrong. Plenty did. But as things sometimes turn out, Fate played a nasty trick on two of the doubters. Soon the two converts (our respective fathers) were working on our house every chance they got.

The first load of concrete blocks piled up beside that mammoth pit was enough to discourage even the stoutest of hearts. After trying to lift one, I, too, was almost convinced that "it couldn't be done." That night I brought home the first of many economy-size bottles of vitamin capsules.

Locating the four corner blocks gave us a hard time. Just as soon as one side was lined up, the other side was way off. This went on for nearly a day. (And a day is a long time when there are just two days each week to work.) But once we did get lined up, the rest of the foundation went smoothly. Ten weekends and $650 later, the last of the 1,038 blocks was laid. The first objective was taken.

After surveying all the trees on our lot, we decided they were all too crooked to make straight boards, so off we went to the lumberyard. We were ready to begin work that *looked* like something.

Setting one of the big beams in place caused quite a commotion.

My enthusiasm wavered a bit when I tried lifting my first concrete block

For a few panicky seconds, we were afraid we'd have to call out the fire department to rescue Dad when the block and tackle yanked him—instead of the beam—up in the air.

Putting down the rough flooring wasn't really hard work, but it *was* funny to see three grown men walking around on their knees for a week afterward. Incidentally, if you fall through to the basement as you come in our front door, blame me. *I* nailed those boards on.

Before too long, it was down on the knees again, and the second floor was going together. By that time it was getting pretty breezy up there. It got a lot breezier, though, before ridgepole and rafters were in place.

The sheathing was really tough. Because we were so darn fussy, every tongue and groove had to fit perfectly. Quite a bit of fancy language was used on some of those boards. (We think perhaps a few crooked trees *did* slip in.)

The boss and I got quite involved in our discussion about the amount of roof overhang. He wanted lots of it, while I leaned toward small hangovers. We finally compromised—or so I thought until after the work was all done. Then I discovered that the way we compromised on was the way he wanted it to be all the time!

Our roof was put on one cold, rainy Sunday with the help of some extra slave laborers, several pots of hot coffee, and a freshly baked cake from the understanding wife of our neighbor.

We had an estimate from a contractor of $15,000 to build this house we built. That would have meant an $11,500 mortgage, using our original $3,500 in cash as a down payment. An $11,500 mortgage, with standard interest, would have cost us about $15,500 over a period of 20 years. Total: $19,000. By building it ourselves, a six-room house complete with breezeway and garage cost us about $9,500, or a saving of $9,500.

Every time we think back of the weeks and weeks of hard, slow work we put into our house, and wonder if it was worth it, we remember that $9,500. And $9,500 is a lot of money. It *was* worth it!

A block and tackle can be a pretty sly critter—as Dad unhappily discovered

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HOW-TO

for the handyman

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Rev. H. L. Weir
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Real seal deal. What do you do with leftover cement? It's worth conserving, handy to have around. But it can cake rock-hard in a week if left in an opened cloth or paper bag. To protect it from moisture, seal it up in a fruit jar. Or put it in a coffee can and seal the cover on with masking or friction tape.

Leland J. Melrose
St. Paul, Minnesota

Finishing touch. The next time you are faced with brushing heavy paint, enamel, or lacquer, don't cut it with thinner. You will get better coverage if you warm the finish instead. Submerge lower half of opened can in a pan of hot water (not over 150 degrees). A warmed finish will brush easily without dragging, streaking, or piling up. Never place the can in a pan while it is still over heat.

Lorraine Taylor
Seattle, Washington

Photographs: Stanley

Hand in glove. Any work with bricks or rocks will wear out a pair of fabric gloves in short order. To triple the life of such gloves, reinforce the fingers. Saturate the cloth well with a waterproof glue, then rub fine sawdust into the glue. Let the glue dry before using the gloves.

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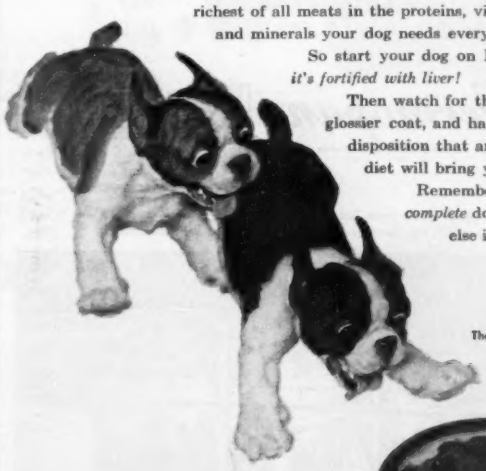

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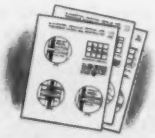

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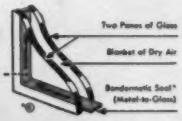

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Takes a rap. Sometimes you have to start a nail that you can't hold in your left hand—in close quarters, for example, or high on a wall or ceiling. Wedge the nail between claws of your hammer as pictured. Then a sharp, one-handed rap will start it.

Hugh Linsback
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Finish finishing. Are edges of your window-screen frames painted? True, they do not show. But leaving them unfinished can be a costly error if moisture soaks in and causes premature rotting or warping. Seal all edges (storm windows, too) with paint, varnish, or shellac.

Mrs. Cleve Butler
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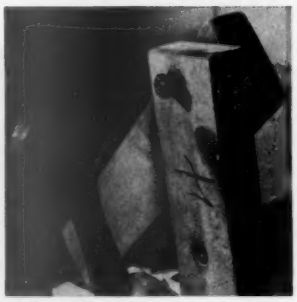

Bolt out. How many times, in driving out that tight or rusted bolt, have you damaged the threads so it was almost impossible to turn the nut back on? The next time, turn the nut almost off, then tap the bolt loose before removing the nut entirely. You'll have a broader striking surface, and none of the end threads will be burred.

Stanley Amick
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Pin-up picture. Clothespins are handy gadgets for the handyman to remember. Here are two good uses. Pin at the left holds a rubber appliance cord off the damp basement floor and out from underfoot. Spring-type at the right is handy for neat hanging of boots and rubbers near the back door. To avoid splitting, drill hole in clothespin for supporting nail or screw.

Don Meschenross
Decatur, Illinois

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How-to for the handyman

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Ball game. You can save yourself a cleanup job the next time you mix a small amount of crack filler or patching plaster. As a mixing cup, use half of a hollow rubber ball. Let leftover filler harden, then just snap the half-ball inside out to clean it completely for the next job.

Robert F. Hill
Chicago, Illinois

Sharp trick. A small piece of double-strength window glass (about 3"x4") makes an excellent scraper for surfacing wood or removing paint and varnish. Check edge of glass before you start; a clean, square cut is essential. With luck, you can get four edges that will work; edges scored by the glass cutter do a poorer job. Hold glass at about a 35-degree angle and pull across surface of the wood.

Frank A. Thoendel
Chadron, Nebraska

Put in a plug. Slight remodeling of an electric cord plug can save you a lot of frustration. If a plug fits too loosely in an outlet, bend prongs slightly outward to anchor it in place, assuring good electrical contact. If a plug fits too tightly, lubricate prongs with a bit of graphite from a lead pencil.

Betty Brink
Moore, Oklahoma

No-tip tip. Small bottles of paint, glue, or shellac are easily tipped when in use, meaning a tedious cleanup job. To prevent tipping, tighten a small C-clamp on the bottle to form a wide, tip-proof base. But don't tighten the clamp too much, or you'll break the glass.

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By Everett Brown

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By Barbara Baird

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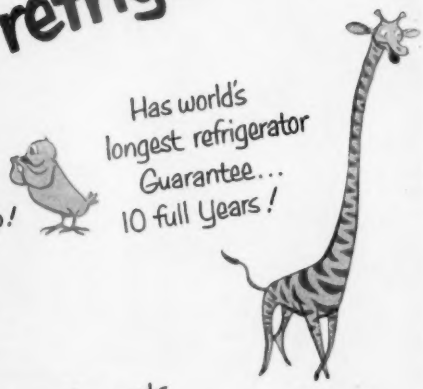

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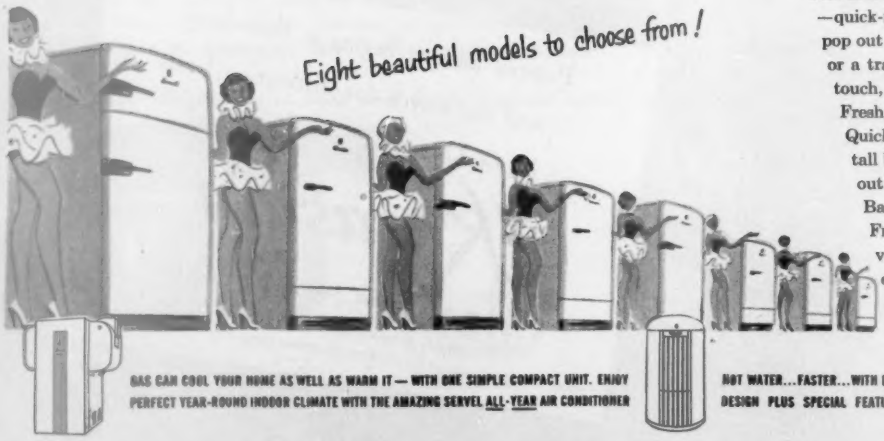

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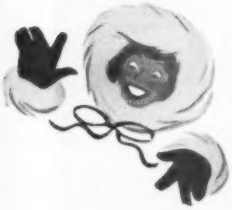

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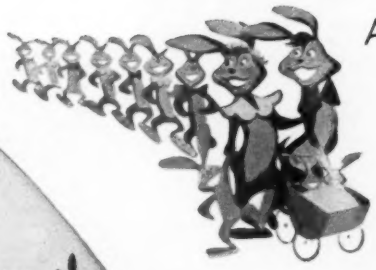

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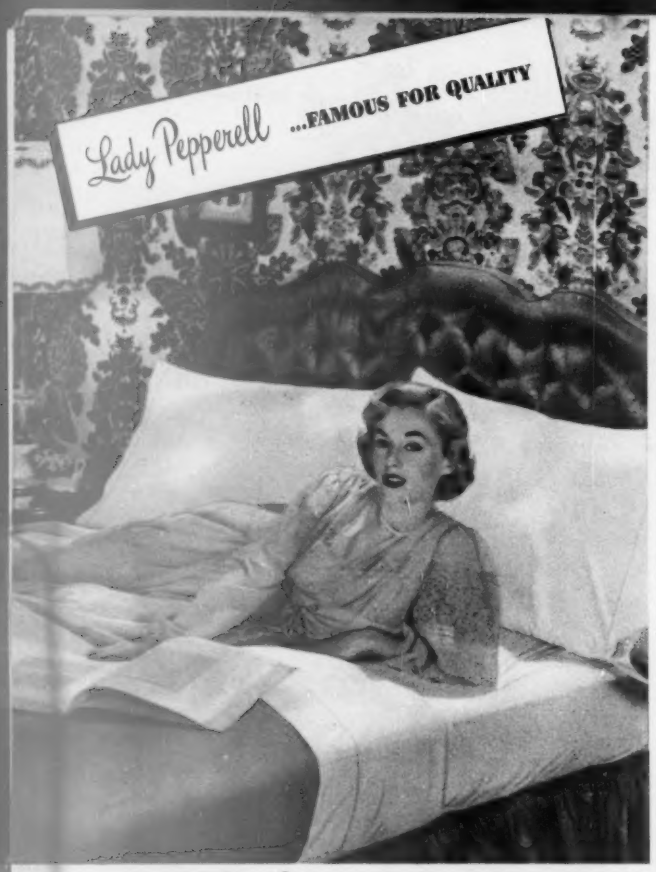

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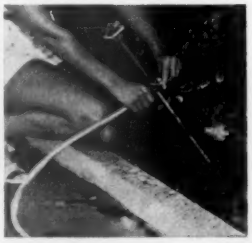
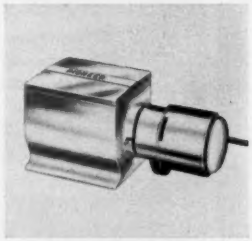


Double-duty sprinkler operates as both a spray head and a subsoil irrigator. Control valve switches water from overhead sprinkler to the outlets in base of ground spike. By taking water down to the roots, it irrigates without run-off or puddling. Overhead sprinkler throws water in a square pattern to reach every corner of lawn and garden. *Water-spike*, $3.95, in stores. Production Engineering Co., Dwight Way, Berkeley 10, Calif.

Magnetic service light can be placed in practically any convenient position by using the magnetic base to grip and hold lamp to iron or steel surface. Head assembly is small enough to squeeze into most any spot where you might be working. Tilt-top shield protects your eyes; guard is easy to open for replacing bulb. *Ryte-Lyte Magnetic Service Lamp*, $6.95, in stores. Ryte-Lyte Products, Inc., 3983-85 Zarthan Ave., Minneapolis 16, Minn.



Freezer makes a quart of real, old-fashioned ice cream, dasher-mixed, right in your refrigerator. Aluminum container holds ice-cream preparation, and internal dasher is driven by small motor on outside. The whole thing goes in the bottom compartment of your refrigerator freezing compartment. Both freezer and refrigerator doors can close easily on thin cord which connects to nearest electric socket. Operates on AC or DC current. *Pioneer Ice Cream Freezer*, $39.95, ppd. Louisville Electric Mfg. Co., Inc., 3008 Magazine Street, Louisville, Ky.

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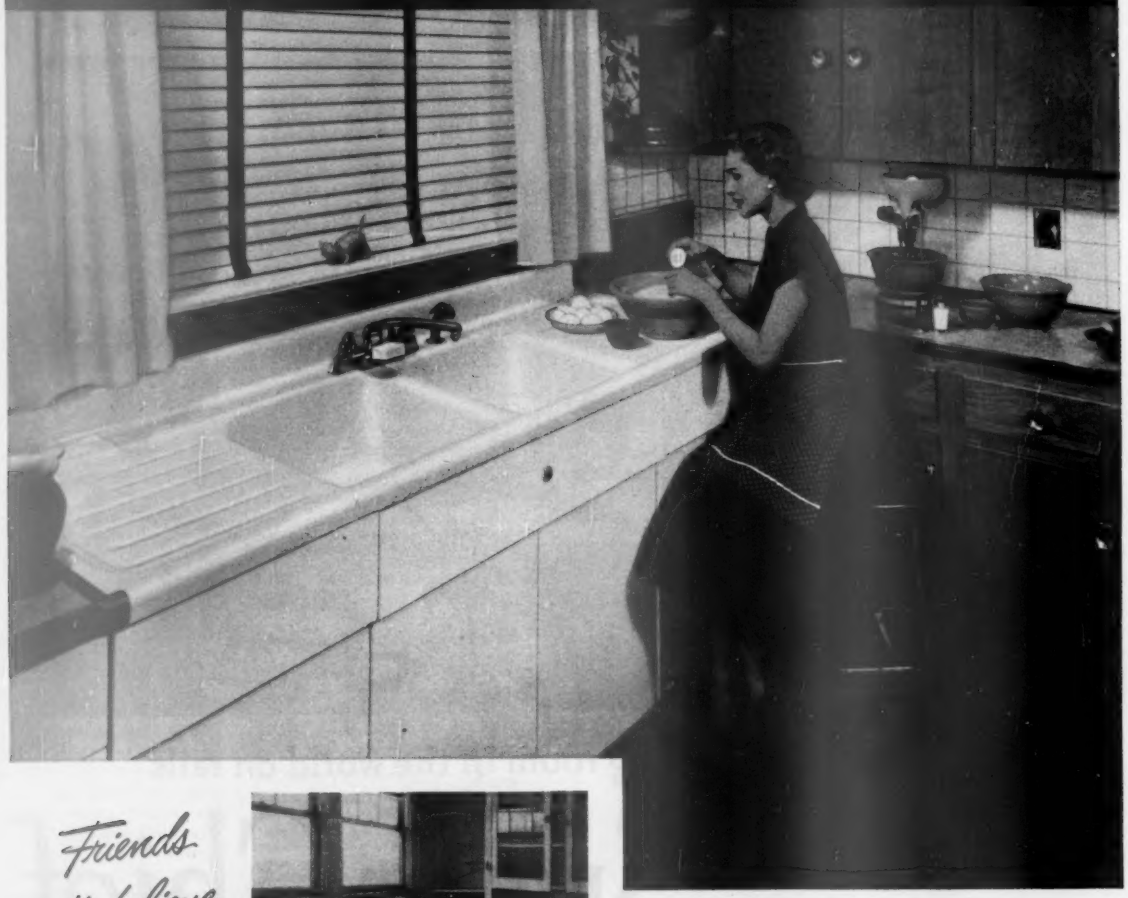

Friends can't believe it's the same kitchen

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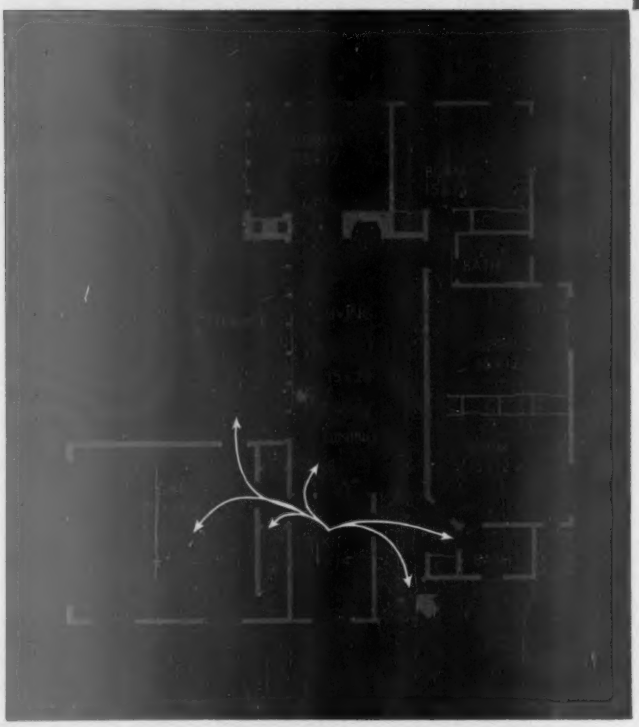
Beyond your basic demands, given on page 53, you aren't too specific. So the F. & R. Lazarus Company of Columbus, which owns and decorated the house, combined its talents with those of Architect Leon Seligson, A.I.A., Builders Robert Weiler and Ben Lurie to complete a home any family would be proud to have.

(The house, located at 2834 E. Broad Street in Columbus, will be open to the public beginning Sunday, March 25.)

Though designed for a corner lot, and admirably suited to one, *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 2104 can be readily adapted to any lot 70 feet wide or more. Garage doors are away from the street so that you don't leave a gaping hole in the house when you forget to close the double door. Assuming that you will use half the garage for storage space instead of a second car, it's far easier to get to the kitchen with bundles if the garage door is at the side of the house.

To make the transition from outdoors to indoors as slight as possible, both exterior materials and color scheme have been carried inside. The slate used for the entrance porch continues into the front hall, and is also carried from the porch and terrace into the living room as a fireplace hearth. Stone at the entrance reappears in the fireplace wall, on the porch, and in the chimney and planting box on the terrace. The low [*Turn to page 56*

Exterior combines local stone and redwood with stucco. To keep house from looking too low, lines of siding on gable ends follow pitch of the roof. Planting boxes at corners simplify shape of house, tie gables to each other. On the cover you can see how the rear of this house looks



Plan and operation of the house revolve around the kitchen

What room in your house gets the most use? The kitchen, obviously.

Since a kitchen is the work center, it should be as close as possible to the center of the house. In Five Star Home No. 2104, you are only four steps from the front door, and from the window over the sink, you can keep an eye on both front and garage entrances. The garage is two steps away. The basement stairway, leading to laundry and large family room, is a step away. Dining space in the living room is three steps or a pass-through away from the kitchen.

The kitchen itself, a compact 14x9-foot room, is U-shaped for stepsaving, and has its own eating space in bar form at the inside end.

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On a corner off living room is screened porch that can be glassed in for winter. Barbecue serves both porch and terrace (through pass-through). Television set rests on a swivel so it can be aimed for best viewing. Summer furniture is used all year round

Fixed windows with louvers above light living room. Draperies and sheer curtains control glare. In fireplace wall, which dominates room, is a television set which can face toward either living room or porch

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planting box at entrance also carries into the house, so that glass separating hall from porch seems nonexistent.

While the brown-stained wood you see at gables and occasionally on outside walls is not carried inside, tans and browns predominate in the living area. Each bedroom has its own color scheme, but none is without a repetitive touch of brown somewhere.

The 650 square feet of basement space is cleverly arranged (see plan on this page). Heating plant and raised fireplace are at the inside end, where they share the chimney with the living-room fireplace. Laundry space is at the other end, directly under the kitchen, and is separated from the recreation area by a decorative screen of corrugated metal. Thus the basement can be the site of both play and work at the same time without interference.

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TOP, LEFT. Bedroom near front door has its own bath, is well placed as guest room or office-den. Light tree provides strong black accent, gives both decorative, practical light

LEFT. Natural wood is used not on this entire storage wall but only as an accent, with high storage space painted same as the wall color. Note that the dresser is partially recessed

BELOW. Basement family room is long and narrow, but use of two wall colors broadens room. End wall is flanked by small fireplace (out of picture, left) and furnace room behind drapery

Basement fits under kitchen and living room, gets light from a well near stairs

Living room is visible from front door. To tie inside and outside together, the same monochromatic color scheme is used in living room, hall, and on exterior. Large pieces of furniture line long inside wall. Grouping in foreground is used to divide living and dining space

Corrugated metal screen sets off laundry space, but lets air circulate above and below screen. Curved sofa breaks up long basement room, repeats shape of screen

How to get plans for this house

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★ **Complete specifications** which outline quality of materials and workmanship that will assure sound construction; and . . .

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What to do with a bank

By Leslie MacRae

Dealing with a bank of earth and rocks you own is like being born with red hair or having the largest dog on the block. It's how you manage it and show it off that counts. Consider yourself in luck.

What half a dozen other owners of uneven lots have done with theirs will give you ideas. The six banks pictured this month run from a gentle incline to banks that approach the vertical. Every owner has the common problem of stopping erosion of his soil under the beat of wind, rain, and some traffic.

Each wants year-round, easily kept, good looks.

Choosing the right plants has been the answer for five out of the six. More or less stone has been used, both for the looks of it and to help reduce soil washing when the plants are not in full leaf. For the two handlings of really steep banks, turn to page 265.

Gottscho-Schleisner

If you level a sloping lawn, you may end with a bank along the edge like this at the John L. Hughes home, Summit, New Jersey. Carmine Crab, creeping phlox, and evergreens are choice coverings

Weymouth

Across the continent, Dr. H. M. Blackfield, Marin County, California, graded his steeper bank in right angles, gets a raised-wall garden. Fences in both cases are on the highest part of the property

Let plantings reduce your upkeep problems

If you live or plan to build at the peak of a steep rise, do your grading so that the house seems to have an ample base. Keep planting low around them to emphasize boldest outcroppings. Use little grass. Glen B. Osterhout, Seattle

Photograph: Parker

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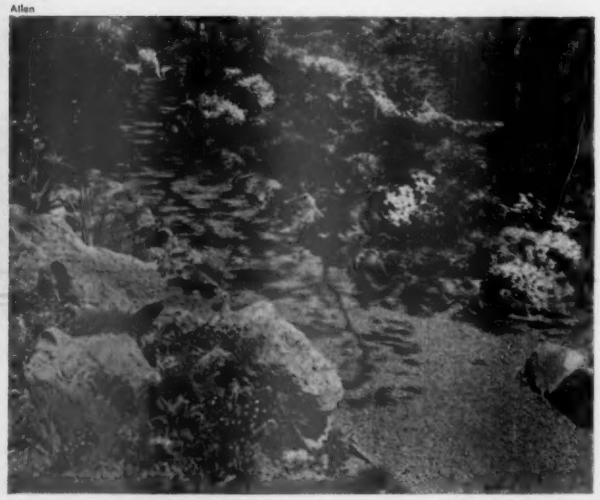


Flattening a bank will give you the easy grade of this primrose-studded garden of Henry Thiele, famed Portland, Oregon, restaurateur

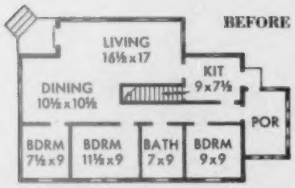
More photographs on page 265

BEFORE No eyesore, this little house had a certain warm charm. But it lost its charm when you walked inside and saw nothing to look at

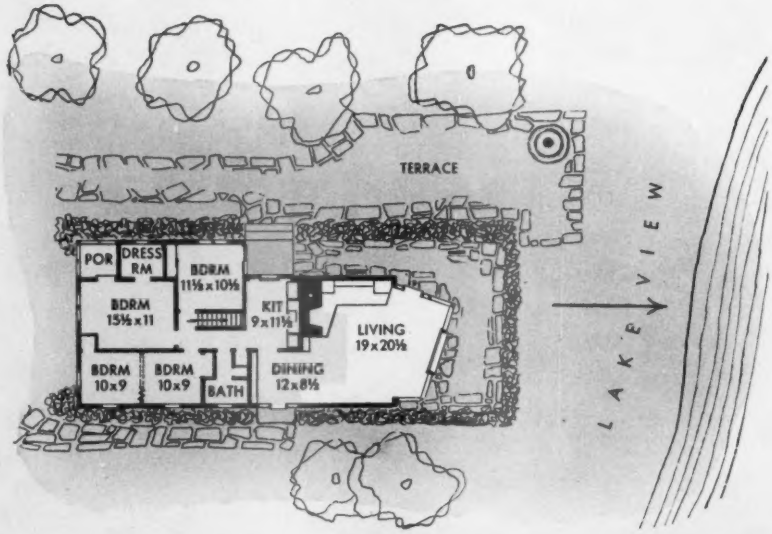
If it faces the wrong way,

You can "turn" your house around

By Jessie Walker



While changes in plan were extensive, positions of bathroom and kitchen were not moved, to cut plumbing costs. Color on "after" plan indicates shape and size of the house as it existed "before"



If you took the title of this story literally, it would cost you a fortune to fit a badly placed house to its setting. But the method Architect Martin Kermacy of Austin, Texas, used on the Andrew Johnson home in Barrington, Illinois, is much simpler. It doesn't require a hydraulic jack; all it takes is a little internal surgery and a good surgeon.

The Johnsons had a fine lot on a small lake. But the living room was on the road side, with no possible lake view. And since the house was originally built as a summer house, bedrooms and kitchen were aggravatingly small.

To correct all these faults, the plan was first reorganized within existing space, then extended toward the lake. In this extension is part of the living room, completely glassed and angled for shore-to-shore view. Behind it are dining space converted from a bedroom, and a rearranged kitchen. On the road side are four bedrooms, all larger than the three they replaced, and with improved storage space.

Yet except for the lakeside extension, the only structural work was addition of three partitions and removal of two.

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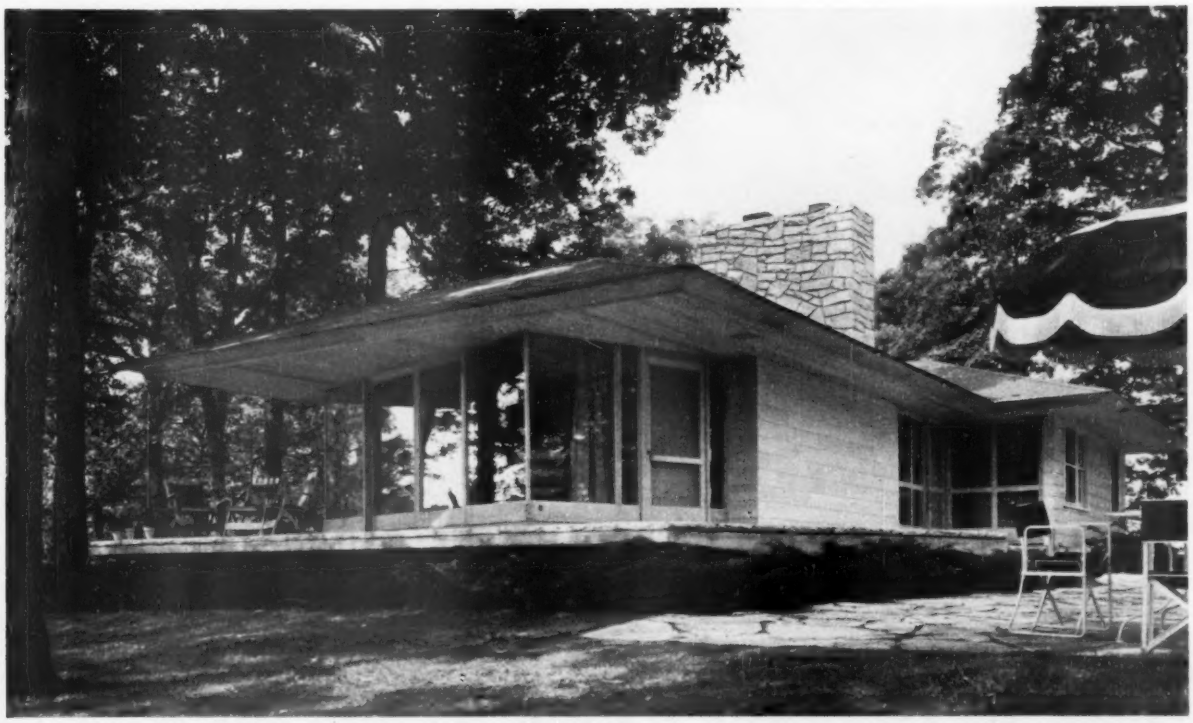
Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

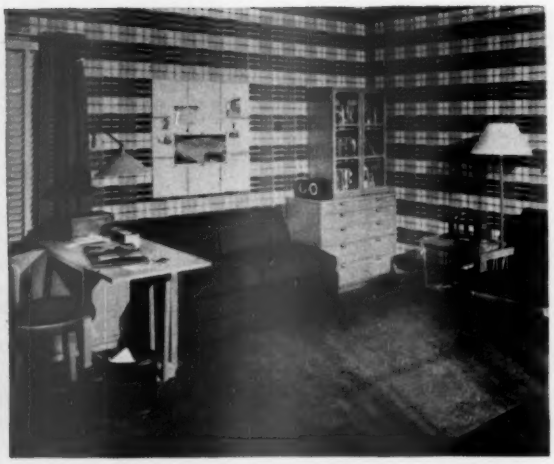
BEFORE Window placement was regular but uninspired, and close-cropped eaves made the house look like a boxcar plus caboose



AFTER This is the same house, believe it or not. Broad overhang, and shift from gable to hipped roof make the biggest difference. Fixed glass and sliding glass doors are angled to increase the lake view. Upper terrace is made of flagstone laid atop concrete slab cantilevered from the old foundation

By comparing trees here and in "before" picture, you can see how changes were made. Front and side walls were extended until they met; glassed portion was added beyond this extension. Smooth cypress replaced asbestos siding. Note how eave was broken to save life of a shade tree

Used often as a bedroom is this small den, which owes its 24-hour usefulness to a convertible love seat. For rooms even smaller, you can get a chair which unfolds to form a bed. The open guest drawer in the chest contains towels and hangers. For a close-up and suggestions on equipping this drawer, see page 226



As a den by day, this duo-purpose room pays its way. Using a room two ways is wise economy of space. Sofa is not alone in serving double duty. Drop-leaf desk is handy as a night stand. Swivel lamp is adjustable to provide light for the desk and for bedtime reading. Radio is within easy reach of the bed

Rooms that lead a double life

You can have an extra bedroom and save the cost of building it.

The moneysaver: one piece of furniture — so versatile it offers good sitting by day, comfortable sleeping by night

By Florence Byerly

Photographed at T. S. Martin Company, Sioux City, Iowa by Hedrich-Blessing

Even the living room can be quick-changed into a bedroom if the sofa, like this Lawson, is convertible. An electric blanket is ideal for guests; temperature is adjustable. Three-way screen at dining entrance gives your guest privacy

Daytime view shows versatile sofa when it's closed. Notice these guest-room conveniences in the living room: Lamps that serve as bed lamps, step tables that double as night stands. Venetian blinds hook to the sill to avoid rattling

Used every night as a bedroom, it's a sitting room by day. Beds are simply metal-frame beds plus foam-rubber mattresses on box springs. Bedspreads double as quilts—you needn't take them off the bed at night. Note how the wall treatment above the double chest helps to create a living-room atmosphere

Just one piece of furniture will give you extra sleep space without the expense of adding another bedroom to your home.

Today there's a wide variety of sofas, love seats, and single chairs that can double as downright comfortable beds. They're handsome and so well designed that you'd never guess they serve for sleeping as well as sitting.

All three types of beds shown have a great time-saving feature—they conceal bedding. This means that you can make up the bed early and return it to its daytime role. Then at bedtime, when you may be numb-tired, all you need do is open the bed—it's already made and ready to jump into.

If you're faced with the problem of finding extra sleep space for the family or for guests, convertible beds offer a ready-made answer.

You can get help in planning double-purpose rooms at the Home Planning Centers listed on page 255. Ideas from these rooms will be featured in the department stores listed on page 169.

In the morning—presto—the bedroom becomes a friendly sitting room again. Folding stand doubles as a luggage rack and table for holding refreshment tray. Corner table like this one must be 40 inches square in order to fit well between regulation twin beds

Try these smart ways to

Edge your drive and walks

By Victor H. Ries

Getting the most in good looks from your home setting means making corners and narrow strips pay dividends, bear their fair share in creating the over-all beauty you want.

The location of the buildings on your homesite, and its elevation above the street, may have been the big factors in determining the placement of your drive and walks. Several awkward angles and soil strips may be left. But they needn't continue to be unattractive.

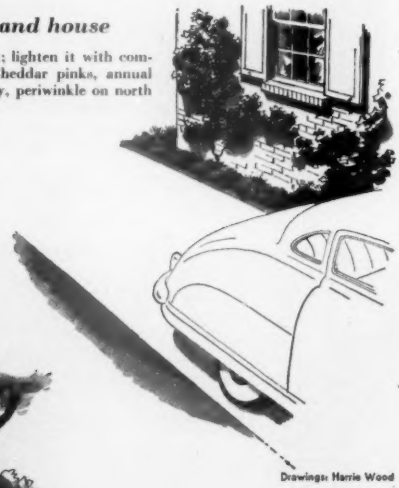
Here's how to improve such strips with handsome plantings that adapt to dozens of situations:

Between your walk and house

Available space determines what you plant. If your space is only 2 or 3 feet wide, don't use shrubs which require 5 feet when full grown. Try tulips or spring-flowering bulbs, then geraniums or annual flowers. Or let the vines grow up two or three single strands of wire

Between drive and house

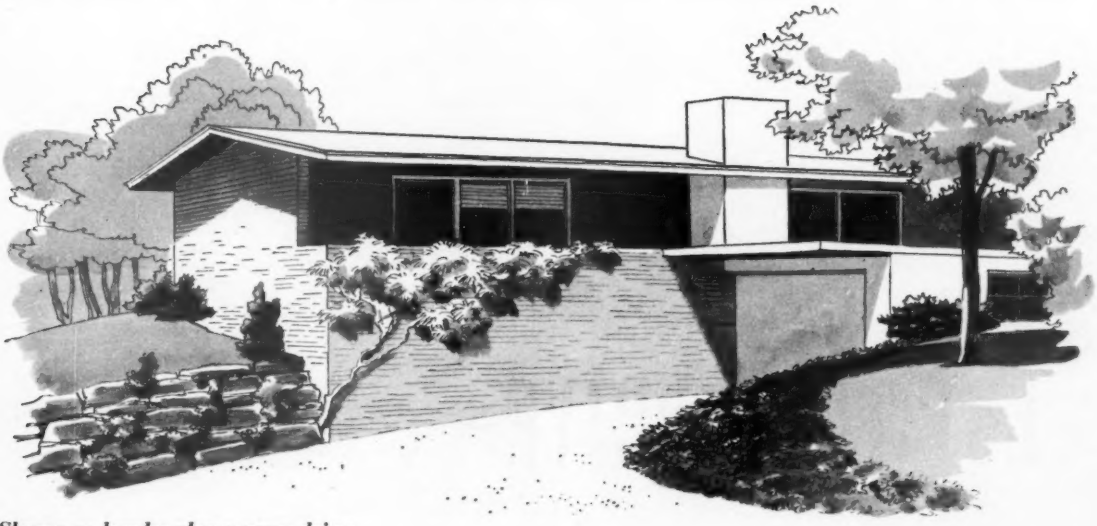
Loosen soil with a fork; lighten it with compost. Plant sedums, Cheddar pinks, annual phlox in sun; Baltic ivy, periwinkle on north



Drawings: Harrie Wood

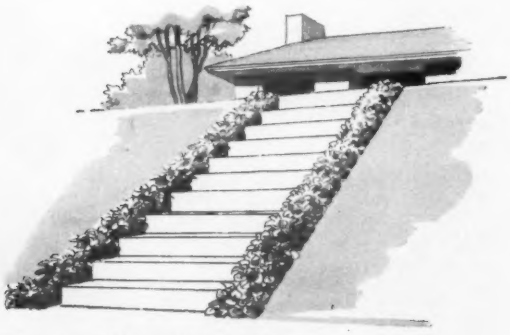
Your drive entrance

Tall-growing shrubs or small trees at street intersection are traffic hazards. You should be able to see over mature plants when seated in your car. Try Andorra juniper or dwarf Japanese yew



Slopes or banks along your drive

Periwinkle, Japanese spurge, or ivy will cover a bank where grass is hard to grow and mow. Or build a dry wall and fill cracks with rock plants. A vine will root in the wall, carry across a bald foundation



Steps to drive or sidewalk

You can soften steps that project from a bank or terrace like buck teeth by planting a narrow strip of groundcover along each side. Common violets are an inexpensive planting, and will thrive well in the shade

Between drive or walk and hedge

You eliminate a problem by substituting a groundcover for grass between a hedge and a traffic path. Try periwinkle, English ivy, or Japanese spurge for evergreen cover. Or use a creeping sedum

Between drive and lawn

An annual or hardy perennial flower border makes a pleasant transition between lawn and drive. For lot-line privacy, try a 6- or 7-foot wire fence covered with wisteria, bittersweet, or climbing roses. String posts with galvanized wires about 8 inches apart, with vertical support wires every 3 feet

For more plants to use, see page 315

No one but you parents of teen-age drivers can prevent that tragic message in the night. And only by saying "No" to requests for the car can you prevent it.

LET THEM DRIVE— OR STAY ALIVE?

By Milton Mayer

This story has been told before. A thousand times before. But this time it has a "twist." Here's the story:

A new sedan is tearing down a Midwestern highway in the moonlight. The highway is level and straight for miles, and, best of all, apparently deserted. Then the night is shattered by a crash—then silence. The sedan has hit a truck going in the same direction, sliced its own top off, turned over and crushed the decapitated bodies in the tonneau. There are five dead, three boys and two girls 17 to 19 years old. The 19-year-old driver, thrown clear of the wreckage, is still alive on the roadside. Two days later there's a mass funeral in the high-school auditorium.

That's the story. Here's the "twist":

Exactly 60 minutes before the crash—the hands of the dashboard clock were jammed at 10:01—the six teen-agers were in the same auditorium, three of them, including the driver, on the stage in gray cap and gown. It was graduation night. The biggest night in a teen-ager's life, and the speaker, a college president, was spreading his blessing upon them:

"This," he was saying, "is really the beginning of your lives. May you live them well and joyously—but not *too* joyously. Don't celebrate your graduation by getting out on the road and driving 85 miles an hour."

The speedometer of the wrecked car was found the following day, jammed at 92 m.p.h.

That's the "twist."

Remonstrances, pleas, warnings, threats—nothing stops the killing. Speeches, pamphlets, posters—nothing stops the killing. Rapidly rising insurance rates—it now costs as much as 65-percent additional to insure a young driver—nothing stops the killing.

The killing goes up, up, up, and the youngsters kill and die and maim twice as fast as their elders. In 20 years, the over-all highway death rate has risen 13 percent—*and 86 percent for drivers under 25.* In 1949, 7,000 18-to-24-year-olds were killed, 300,000 injured. "Teenicide" has become a national term, a national horror, and also, it would seem, a great national pastime.

Nothing stops the killing. Fines don't stop it. (The 19-year-old who sped his five companions to their death on graduation night had been fined for speeding when he was 16.) Driver licensing doesn't stop it. Cancellation of drivers' licenses doesn't stop it. Compulsory trips through the morgue don't stop it. Above all, statistics—statistics showing that pleasure driving is a bigger killer than war—don't stop it. Once every two minutes a young driver kills or maims somebody somewhere in America.

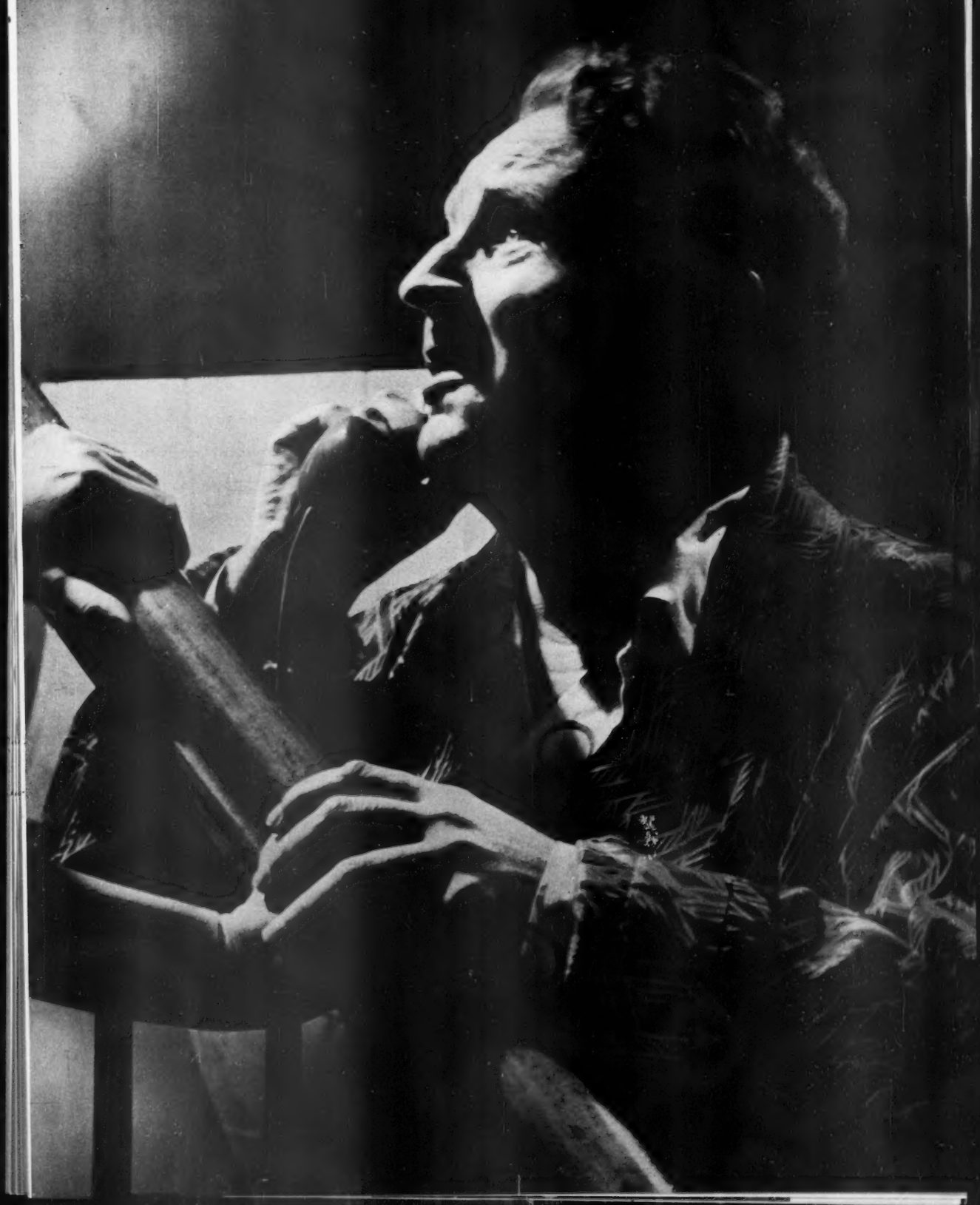
Will *anything* stop it? Yes, there is something that will, and that, mothers and fathers, is the one short word, "No."

Insurance companies do not expect to stop it by raising their rates for young drivers higher and higher. The American Automobile Association, the National Safety Council, the motor-vehicle authorities of the various states do not expect to stop it by their educational campaigns. They all point to the single source of ultimate responsibility: the parents—you.

Will you stop the killing? Will you stop it in your own home—now, today, this evening? Will you send your boy or girl out tonight to kill and be killed in a car going 92 m.p.h.?

Twenty-four hours after the graduation-night crash in Iowa, pieces of skull were still being found. [*Turn to page 165*

Photograph: O'Reilly



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Bloom by the armful!

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

Did you ever know the thrill of having a good-sized piece of your private landscape burst into flower? Ever have a small tree turn pink from tip to lowest branch? Or have an entire bush flame wonderfully with petal fire?

Magnolias . . .

spectacular for size

Pictured above, the Pink Saucer Magnolia is the best-known and most widely adapted of its family. A small tree, it eventually grows to 20 feet, but starts opening its huge, saucer-like blooms when not much more than a yard tall. The flowers come before the leaves. It makes a splendid specimen tree because the foliage is not too dense for good grass below.

Photograph: Graphic Photo

Rhododendrons . . .

flower at all heights

Amazing color in partial shade, flower heads bigger than you can cover with the outstretched fingers of both hands, and leathery, long-lasting leaves make rhododendrons highly desirable, even in areas where special soils must be prepared for them. Colors range from brilliant reds, silky whites, and fuchsia-pinks to light and deep purples.

Weymouth

Azaleas . . .

unbelievably bright and varied

Among the best of the azaleas winter-hardy through southern New York and westward is the Torch Azalea, *Rhododendron abtuscum* var. *Kaempferi*. Upright in growth, it is partially evergreen, except in exposed positions. The flowers are a brilliant salmon-rose, so superb as to be breath-taking where it rises above yellow and white Darwin tulips in May.

The Flame Azalea, *R. calendulaceum*, native to the Appalachian Mountains, is much like the Torch Azalea.

Other shrubs prodigal with spring bloom are:

Forsythias. Spring Glory has largest flowers of its family and the color of spring sunshine. Easy, will bloom in light shade.

Flowering Quince. Ask for new hybrids which have larger flowers, some close to pink.

Mockoranges. Minnesota Snowflake, Atlas, and Belle Etoile are superior varieties.

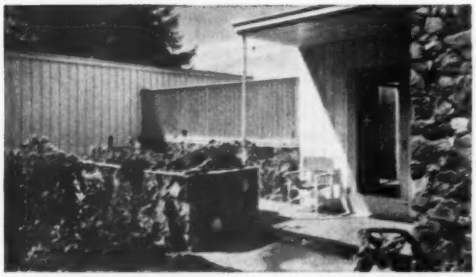
Pink Double-flowering Plum. In full sun and good soil, it loads itself with small pink pompons.

For more on these three shrubs, turn to page 321

TERRACE
DECK
BDRM
13 x 8½
LIVING-DINING
29½ x 14
LIN
BATH
STORAGE
TERRACE
KIT
BDRM
11 x 9½
GARAGE
15½ x 18
UP

I'm at home on Heron Hook

By Belle McKenzie

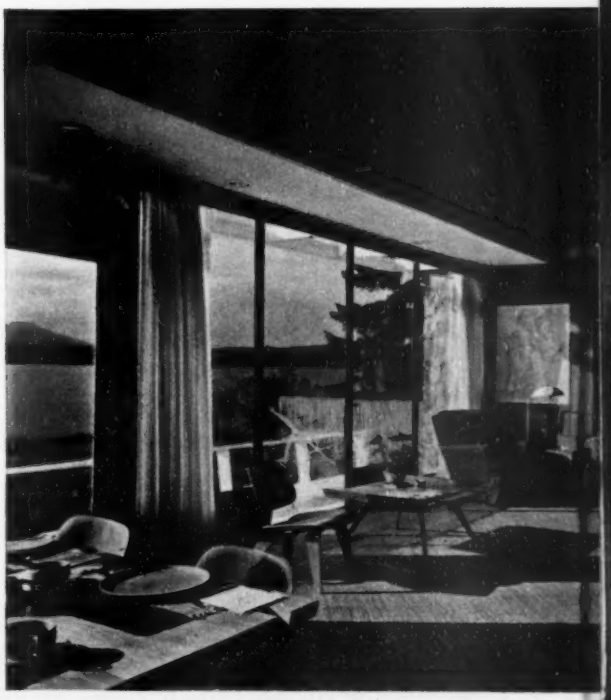


Contractor John Kougly, a neighbor, at first refused to build for me. I showed him the plans. Then: "This house is good. I'll do it."

Heron Hook is an arm of Puget Sound in Washington. On one of its shores, I now have just the house I dreamed of. For eight years my lot sat unoccupied, while war came and prices zoomed and labor was unobtainable. Today I am at home on Heron Hook, after eight long and fruitless years on pins and needles.

My first plans outgrew my bank account, too. Then a former student of mine, Theodore J. Prichard (now head of the University of Idaho's architecture department), offered to design for me a house that would fit my pocketbook.

He knew me well, as only students know their teachers. He knew better than to offer me a little lamblike house that would melt into the landscape—nor [*Turn to page 138*



I wanted a house for use only when I couldn't be outdoors. In my living room, it seems as if I'm outdoors. The big windows are fixed; ventilation is through louvers below the windows and above the door

This is Heron Hook—after the crowds of blue herons that congregate noisily on my 250 feet of beach. The rainbow effect of the sun shields? I just like color!

That stone I dug out of the ground before I could have a garden. Then we thought: "Why not a stone house?" Here it is.

Photographs: Dearborn-Massar

Smart rooms start with smart floors

By Mary L. Brandt

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The floor is one of the first areas in any room that you—and your guests—notice. And because floor coverings are a long-term investment, you'll want your choice to be the right one.

You have a wide field from which to choose. For softness underfoot, and to cut down noise, you may want a rug or carpet of wool, rayon, nylon, cotton, silk, fiber, or some combination. Under it, for longer wear, you'll use some type of rug padding. Or for practical durability and easy maintenance, you can pick one of the hard-surface floorings: wood, linoleum, plastic sheeting, or asphalt, cork, plastic, or rubber tile. Many homes combine both.

Your own family's needs will play a big part in the type of floor covering you get. Before you go shopping, decide whether wear and care, or style and color come first. The pale, lush carpet that suits a family of two or three adults probably won't stand the wear that youngsters and pets would give it. So, size up your own family.

Color will catch your eye first. And it will be the most important choice, because you'll be building color schemes around your floor covering for years. Today you can find most floor coverings in nearly every shade of the rainbow. So don't feel bound to buy a safe, dull color. A fashion color can give your room style; and if the color is medium dark, footprints won't show easily.

Shall it be single-colored or many-colored? When you weigh plain floors against patterned, remember that many-colored rugs are slower to show soil and wear. And you can find patterns styled to suit any furniture period you like. But a patterned floor will limit you to plain or small-patterned fabrics and walls. The right floor covering can do much for the over-all effect of a room. For example, you may want all Modern furniture, but can't buy everything at once. Or you may have to buy simple and inexpensive furniture. An unusual and interesting

Patterned floor covering can serve as a starting point for a color scheme. Just repeat its colors in draperies and furniture, using plain or small patterns so they won't overpower figured floor. Some patterned floor coverings are definite period designs and should be used in rooms that have furniture of the same period

Photographed by William Howland at The Hecht Co., Washington, D. C., and Silver Spring, Maryland

Scatter rugs should be large enough to unite a furniture group. Avoid the "floating island" look of dinky rugs; choose larger ones and anchor their edges under the furniture. It looks better and also holds them in place. For safety, use nonskid rubber pad under rug when used on a polished floor

Choose floor coverings wisely before you buy, and get a long-term investment in beauty

rug or carpet will do much to give the furniture a "lift."

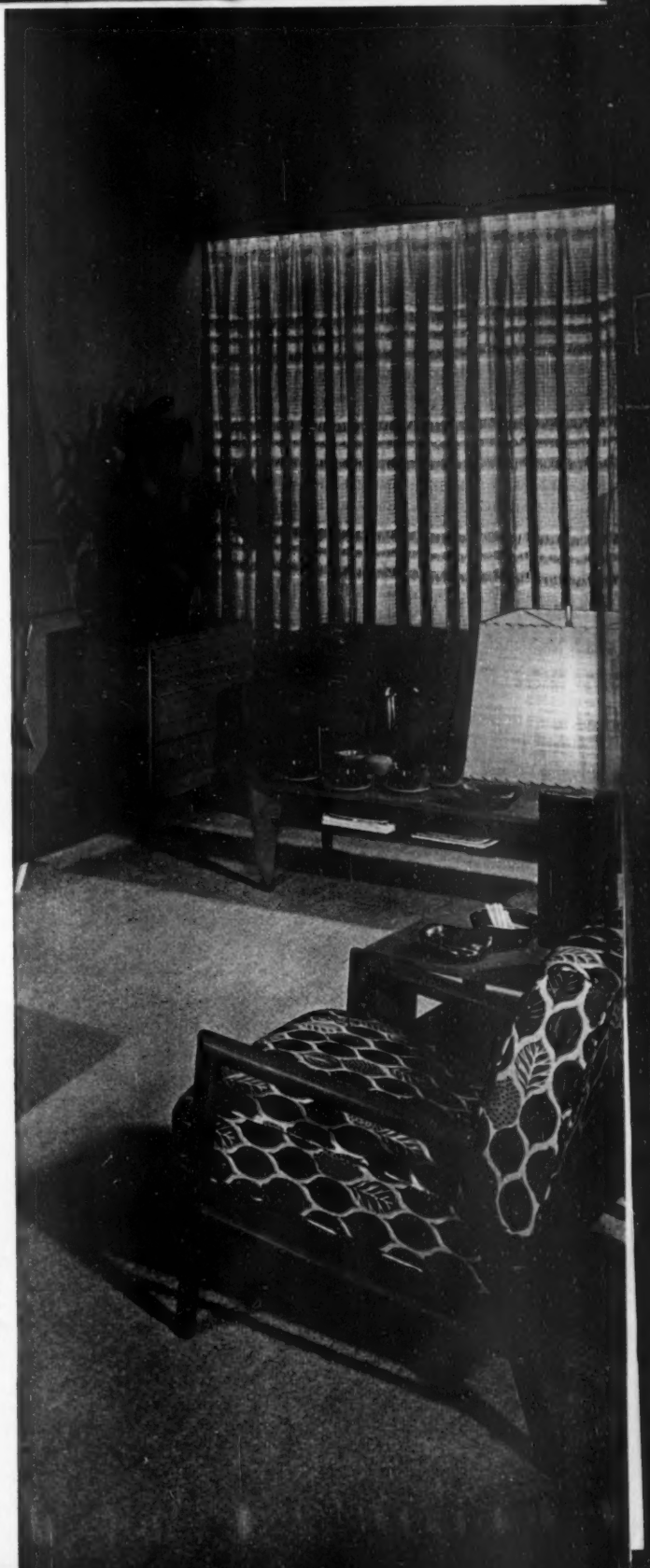
Solid-colored floor covering, on the other hand, will help push walls back by inches and minimize odd jogs in the room. And, with a single color on the floor, you have free choice in patterns for your walls and fabrics.

Remember, adjoining rooms should be related. Thus, if you use a green-and-tan figured rug in your living room, choose plain green linoleum for your hall. That way you'll tie adjoining rooms together and make your whole home seem more spacious. When you shop for floor coverings, think in terms of charm of texture or pattern, comfort, and the right color, rather than just a color that will go with everything.

Hard-surface floorings must always cover the entire floor. But in carpeting and rugs, sizes vary almost as widely as colors and patterns. Wall-to-wall carpeting is one more way to make a room seem larger than your floor plan shows it is. Room-sized rugs, though, will give your room that well-carpeted look and save you money. But be sure that room-sized rugs come to within 6 or 8 inches of the walls.

Scatter rugs pose special problems. They should be big enough to tie a small furniture grouping together or bear a full share of the traffic. Big and few is always better than small and many. Whether you use them on top of a hard-surface flooring or a carpet, be sure you place scatter rugs parallel to the walls and not at odd angles. Scatter rugs can be used effectively to protect large rugs or carpeting at heavy traffic points, in front of chairs or fireplaces, or in rooms with highly polished and beautiful wooden floors.

Quality is hard for the average shopper to judge. Buy your floor covering from a reputable store, and look for a brand name you recognize. What your rug or carpet is made of is more important than the technicalities of its weave. Your salesman will be able to answer technical questions about the rug weave or the wearing qualities of a hard-surface flooring.



Wall-to-wall carpeting in a solid color makes a room seem larger, permits greater freedom in grouping furniture and choosing a color scheme. This one is cotton with a nubbly texture and tweedlike coloring which helps to conceal any soil

A fully illustrated study lesson in booklet form on this article is available as one of a new Better Homes & Gardens series on how to do your own decorating. See the "How-to Helps" feature on page 294 for details on the series and how to get it. Next month: Wallpaper.

For a list of stores featuring new floor coverings, see page 169.

Lilacs and tulips are arranged as they grow in nature—the light, airy lilacs high, the larger tulips below. Note how flower and bowl pick up the colors of the ash tray. Arrangement dominates the table, yet it leaves room for other accessories

Below: These flowers, foliage, and bark from the florist's will add interest to your coffee table. The flowers are glamorias. They're made by stripping gladiolus florets from their stems and then wiring one floret inside another

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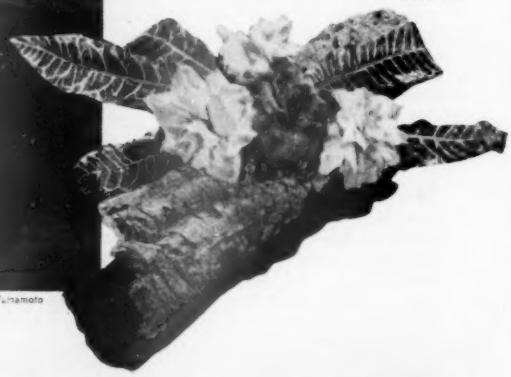

Arrangements by Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto

How to arrange

Flowers for your occasional tables

By Fae Huttenlocher

When you arrange flowers for your coffee or end tables, keep in mind your other accessories. Let your lamps, books, ash trays, or pictures decide the size and color of the arrangement—as we have here

Photographs: Stanley

Mixed daffodils add a fresh touch of spring to the radio cabinet. The tallest flower is about one and a half times the length of the bowl—not high enough to interfere with the picture. Yet the arrangement ties the picture and radio cabinet together into a unified wall setting

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Let SOUP *give a lift* to your problem meals

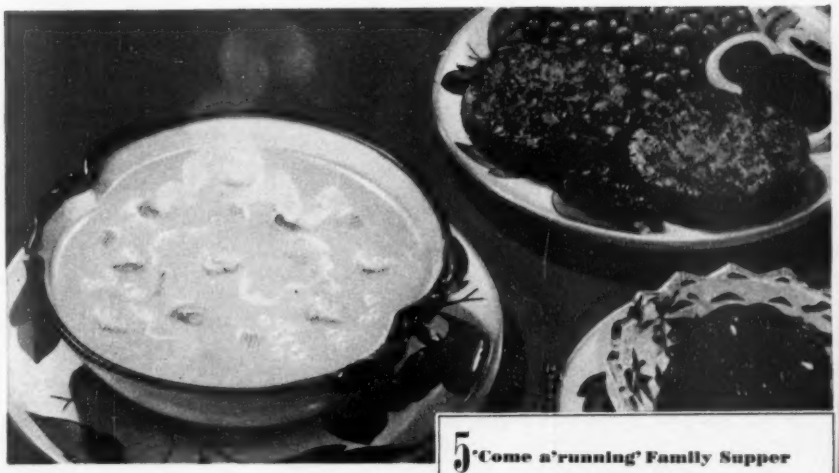
ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

BY *Anne Marshall*

WE all have "problem" meals, I'm sure . . . Guests drop in and stay for supper . . . we're delayed in getting home from shopping . . . or perhaps we need some ideas for dressing up and extending leftovers.

Here are suggestions for meeting these little domestic crises. The menus include a fine, hearty soup . . . not only because soup is easy to prepare, but because a well-chosen soup can "lift" any meal into something special. It's tempting . . . nourishing . . . easy to digest . . . easy on the pocketbook. And there's a kind for every menu and every taste.

Many a homemaker has found soup a welcome aid to meal-planning . . . on "busier than busy" days, and all year 'round. Here are menus to try:



1 Quick Trick for a Late Start

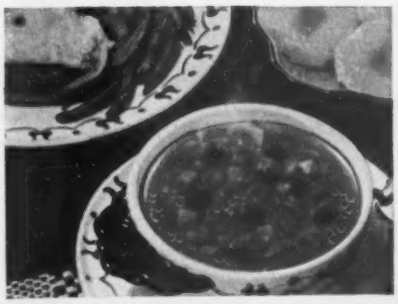
Off comes your hat, on goes your apron, into the saucepan goes a can or two of Scotch broth. It's a hale and hearty soup, you know—a nourishing mutton stock crammed with barley and vegetables. In a jiffy it's piping hot and ready to serve. Here's your supper menu:

Scotch Broth
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs **Crisp Bacon**
Hot Buttered Bread **Strawberry Jam**

2 Pot Luck—and What Luck!

The family's in luck indeed, when you sit them down to the meal pictured below. Your soup, again, is substantial and satisfying as you please—beef soup. It has a rich brown beef stock, generously filled with tender pieces of beef. With it you serve—but here's the full menu:

Beef Soup
Cheese Topped Potatoes **Green Beans**
Peach Halves **Ginger Cookies**



3 Here's a Budget Lunch—but Good!

Budgets—ugh! But we all have them these days! And they needn't get in the way of serving good meals—meals to tempt and nourish the family. This one features that grandly popular stand-by—vegetable soup. You'll relish the homey, well-simmered beef stock and the more than a dozen different vegetables. Here's your complete menu:

Vegetable Soup
Creamed Dried Beef **Potato Pancakes**
Chilled Apple Sauce

4 Leftovers Made Extra-tempting

Out of the refrigerator comes the rest of the meat loaf. You slice it, and over it pour a can of tomato soup (heated just *as is*). Rich, red, velvety-smooth, it makes an irresistible sauce. Let it give a lift to your entire meal, consisting of this menu (pictured above):

Meat Loaf Slices with Tomato Sauce
Buttered Carrots **Waldorf Salad**
Heated Cherry Cobbler

5 'Come a'running' Family Supper

You won't have to call them twice to *this* supper, lady! Your meal, as shown above, is built around bowls of cream of chicken soup: rich chicken stock made with extra-heavy whipping cream. Tender pieces of chicken all through it, too.

Cream of Chicken Soup
Corned Beef Hash Patties **Green Peas**
Beet and Onion Relish
Raspberry Fruit Gelatin

6 Supper—for Unexpected Guests

Friends stay on and you're really glad to invite them for supper—if only you can be sure they'll take "the luck o' the table." Well, you'll take the guesswork completely out of it with *this* menu. For you've canned tuna on the shelf. You simply open a can of cream of mushroom soup—made with cultivated mushrooms and extra-heavy whipping cream—and combine it with your tuna. Then pop it into the oven!

Chilled V-8 Vegetable Juices
Tuna-Mushroom Soup Casserole
Sliced Tomatoes
Heated Bakery Rolls
Chocolate Sundae

Party-winning recipes

By Myrna Johnston

The house is all slicked up for spring. Time to have a party. So here we come with the top winners of our party-recipe contest. Take your pick and ring up the guests!

The pie with the posies is a Toasted Coconut Mousse Pie. It *deserves* a bouquet for its rich, fluffy filling, luscious flavor. The lovely, delicate, striped dessert creation with golden sauce is Almond Ribbon Loaf; there are chopped almonds in the middle stripe.

You just shut your eyes and use a lot of egg whites for the Strawberry Ice Cream Pie. After all, it's a party. And how high and beautiful that pie is when it comes out of the oven. Everyone wants to know *how* you do it.

On top of being so good, Cherry-Nut Crème (the dessert squares) takes simple ingredients and is easy to do. You can make it way ahead of the party.

Up by the coffeepot: a good cook used her imagination on a package of roll mix. And there you are: delicious, gooey Coconut Rolls. The dish next to the rolls is Deep-sea Bake, a casserole dish. Besides shrimp and deviled eggs to make it good, it has mushrooms and cheese sauce.

The pimiento fish are having a merry chase on an elegant [*Turn to page 86*

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TRENTON

Sugar-cinnamon loaf

That wonderful fragrance you whiff here is a sugar 'n' spice loaf. Watch the fresh, even slices fall away from the slim, sharp blade. Sniff that good "cinnamoniness." Sugar 'n' spice is spiraled all through the loaf. Each delicious slice has a whirligig of wonderful flavor. Top is golden brown and crusted with sugar and cinnamon.

Have a slice. Spread it with the golden butter. Now, a bite. *There's* homemade bread! As homey and old-fashioned as a red-checked tablecloth and a coffeepot sitting on the back of the range.

The recipe on page 116 makes one loaf. If time's precious, use one package of roll mix. Below, we serve Sugar-Cinnamon Loaf with a good, old-fashioned dinner. If there's any left, toast slices for breakfast. *Each* meal below has a delicious bread—a really Swedish rye loaf and some Frosted Cinnamon Twists so good we planned them for dessert.

Homespun

MAIN DISH	VEGETABLES	SALAD OR ACCOMPANIMENT	DESSERT	NICE TO SERVE
Spring Stew*	(in the stew)	Big Bowl of Tossed Salad Sugar-Cinnamon Loaf*	Fresh Fruit With Custard Sauce Old-fashioned Rolled Cookies*	Hot Coffee

Use lamb, beef, or veal for stew. Brown meat well for rich flavor and good brown gravy. Bay leaf, celery salt, herbs, or tomato catsup add expert flavor to the stew. Season it to your taste, and it becomes your recipe—the family will talk about what delicious stew Mother makes. Slice the Sugar-Cinnamon Loaf at the table—Grandma did—so each slice would be at its best.

Old-time Sunday Dinner

Rolled Rump Roast*	Browned Whole Potatoes and Carrots	Molded Vegetable Salad Hot Cloverleaf Rolls	Lemon Chiffon Pie*	Little Green Onions Ruby Radishes

There's no big, last-minute rush when you plan a meal like this. You can make both the salad and the pie well ahead. Rolls, too, if you wish—then reheat them before serving. Packaged roll mix makes quick job of it. Follow directions on package exactly. Grease fingers lightly when shaping clover leaves—a good trick when you shape rolls. Brush tops with melted butter.

Guests coming

Southern-fried Chicken	Fluffy Mashed Potatoes or Potato Chips Fresh Buttered Peas	Pineapple and Fresh-strawberry Salad With Sweet French Dressing Piping-hot Biscuits	Cream Puffs* Filled With Vanilla Ice Cream Rich Chocolate Sauce*	Honey Jelly or Jam

Mashed potatoes need gravy, but if you need the extra time it takes, serve potato chips. The biscuits should be hurried to the table last minute, and right out of the oven. Tell everyone to use lots of butter. Roll biscuit dough ¼ inch thick if you like thin, crusty biscuits, ½ inch thick for soft, thick ones. The sauce for the cream puffs is specially good; it's so rich and glossy.

First Spring Picnic

Home-style Baked Beans Thin Slices Cold Roast	Spring Relish Tray (Green onions, crisp radishes, carrot strips)	Cabbage Salad With Sour-cream Dressing Real Swedish Rye Bread*	Fresh Fruit	Mustard Tomato Catsup Dill Pickles

Picnic indoors if the weather isn't ready for you yet. The rye bread is what everyone will talk about. And you can say you made it yourself. It's delicious, tender, and moist, and slices beautifully. For quick baked beans, add 2 tablespoons molasses, ¼ teaspoon dry mustard, and 3 or 4 thick onion slices to 1 No. 2 can baked beans. Cover and bake 30 minutes at 350°.

Photograph: Kuoni

Dessert's Different

Puffy Cheese Souffle* With Creamy Mushroom Sauce	Buttered Asparagus Spears	Crisp Garden Salad Melba Toast, Crisp Crackers, or Rye Crisp	Frosted Cinnamon Twists*	Glasses of Tomato Juice Hot Coffee

Seat family at the table, then bring in souffle. It doesn't like to wait. Serve salad crisp and cold. And for a sweet treat—rich, tender cinnamon twists, topped with confectioners' sugar icing. Keep the dough comfortably warm—80°. If it's a cool day, set dough in kitchen cabinet with pan of hot water. Be sure to pinch ends of twists together firmly so they won't untwist while rising.

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Do you know the slick way to clean?

By Doris Adams

No sense in letting spring cleaning get you down. Sure, there's a lot to be done. But after all, you have yourself to consider. So how about cleaning the easy way?

How to do it? This doesn't mean to skip over corners. It means, rather, to tackle your work in a steady, unruffled way; to plan your jobs ahead.

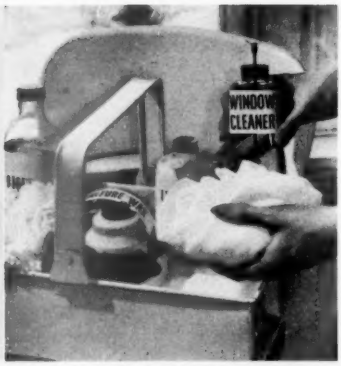
It means to use the right cleaning materials for the job—the ones that get the work done efficiently with the least effort for you. Such as self-polishing waxes; dry cleaners for floor and linoleum that clean, wax, and polish; liquid and powdered painted-wall cleaners; dusters that have a wide sweep. Or wax removers that do away with scraping or scrubbing, antigrease products that speed range cleaning. There's a new furniture wax on the market that cleans and polishes with no rubbing.

The easy way, too, means to save yourself wherever you can. For instance, long-handled mops and waxers and extension attachments of your vacuum cleaner do away with stooping and reaching.

Start off on the right track by collecting all your supplies. Store them in a definite spot. Then you won't have to scurry around hunting for tools before you begin to clean. Put dustcloths, cleaners, wax, the supplies you use every week in a basket you can carry from room to room. Or wheel them about on a cart.

Try to spread special cleanup jobs through the year. When you do a little at a time, you won't have to wear yourself out with spring and fall cleaning.

Windows

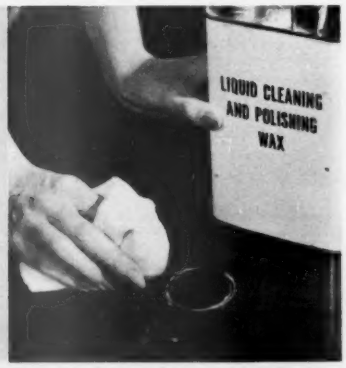


Supplies. Collect them first in a basket. Then you can carry them from window to window easily. Window cleaner and lintless cloths save you elbow work. For safety, use a sturdy step stool to put upper part of window within reach

Walls and woodwork

Walls. Dust frequently to prevent need for more difficult cleaning. You can reach high spots easily with wall brush of vacuum cleaner attached to extension wands. Take down pictures; clean wall behind to avoid a dark outline

Furniture



Water rings. Rub a little liquid cleaning and polishing wax on the spot. If the ring does not disappear with the first application, put a clean, dry blotter over it. Press lightly with *warm*, not hot, iron. Repeat till the ring is gone

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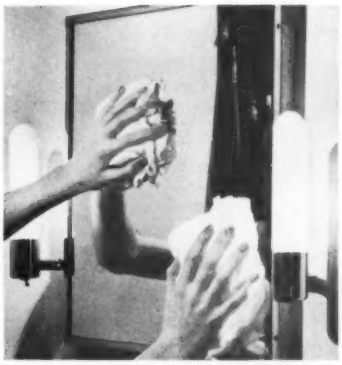
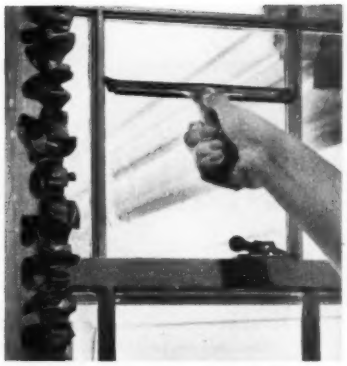


Mirrors. Treated window cloth takes fingerprints, dust, film from bathroom mirror. Just dampen cloth and wipe mirror. Then go over it with a dry, lintless cloth. You can use same method to clean windows and glass over pictures

Windows. A scratchproof cleansing powder or waxlike glass cleaner does a neat job. Both are simple to use. Just wipe on, wipe off. If you're cleaning outside of window, use lengthwise strokes. Then use crosswise strokes inside



Small panes. Use squeegee cut to fit pane exactly. Hold firmly against glass; draw down in straight stroke. Wipe squeegee with cloth after each stroke. Avoid washing windows in direct sunlight. The glass may dry too fast and streak

Window sills. Wax to protect them from April showers. As you wipe on cream wax, it cleans off dust and fingerprints, leaves a smooth, protective coating that will resist spotting. And you'll find dusting the sill will be easier and quicker

Washing. Start at bottom when you wash walls and woodwork. Then you won't get those hard-to-remove streaks from water running down a soiled surface. If you're not sure how the wall will clean, experiment in an inconspicuous spot

Wallpaper. Dough-type cleaner does a thorough job. Start at top and work down with light, even touch. To prevent streaks, overlap your strokes. Keep kneading the dirt back into the ball of cleaner. You can use the cleaner on painted walls

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Scratches. Hide small scratches, scars, and scuff marks with colored wax. The touch-up paste comes in shades to match your furniture—maple, walnut, mahogany, and neutral. Or you can use a liquid polish that tints as it shines

Dusting. A pair of white cotton mitts doubles your dusting speed. Work with even strokes. Gather dust into mitts instead of scattering. Wash the mitts often. Lintless cloths, treated cloths, and dusting paper also do a good job

Polishing. Furniture polish or wax brings out the natural beauty of furniture. Just pour a little polish on a cloth and rub into surface. Then polish it lightly with a dry cloth. Keep a good supply of soft, new or clean dustcloths on hand

Dinner's ready! And fast in a pressure pan

In 10 minutes, a thrifty dinner for the family

The meat is lamb shoulder. Toss it in flour to coat well on all sides. Brown in 1 tablespoon hot fat in your pressure pan. This will take about 15 minutes. Drain off all the fat. Then . . .

. . . add the vegetables. In the picture, we're adding the celery. You cut off the 4-inch bottom section of two stalks. Then add barley wrapped in foil. Cook 8 minutes at 15 pounds pressure

Tender, brown, juicy meat, lots of fresh vegetables, barley

In 20 minutes, a dinner to serve company

Meat is veal round steak cut ⅛ inch thick. One steak makes 2 birds. Season and add a spoonful of stuffing. Fold steak up over snugly; tie with kitchen twine. Flour, brown; and . . .

. . . slide trivet under the veal birds. Add potatoes and carrots. Sprinkle vegetables with salt. Add ½ cup water. Exact directions are down below. Cook 18 minutes at 15 pounds pressure

Beautifully browned veal birds plump with stuffing; tender vegetables

Photographs: Kuoni

You'll need 2 pounds meat cut in pieces ½ inch thick. Soak ½ cup barley in 1½ cups warm water overnight. Flour meat; brown in 1 tablespoon fat; drain. Add ½ cup water, 1 potato, quartered, 6 onions, 3 carrots in 2-inch length, celery (see how it's cut in second picture).

Sprinkle with 2 teaspoons flour, 2 teaspoons salt, ½ teaspoon pepper. Drain barley; turn into 12-inch square of aluminum foil shaped to form a pouch; add ⅛ cup boiling water to the pouch. Pinch corners of foil together, don't tie. Add to pressure pan. Cook at 15 pounds *8 minutes*. Let pressure return to normal.

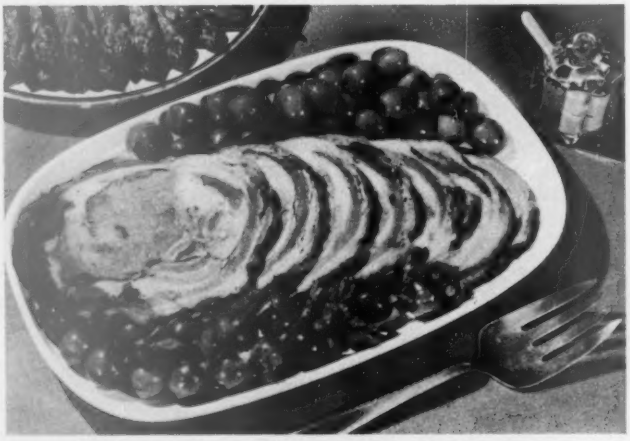
You'll need *1* veal steak for *2* birds. Season meat. Add stuffing. Tie as show in first picture above. Heat ¼ cup fat in pressure pan. Flour veal birds. Brown on all sides *slowly*—takes about 15 minutes.

Slide trivet under birds. Add 4 potatoes and 6 or 7 carrots. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon salt. Add ½ cup water. Cook at 15 pounds pressure *18 minutes*. Let pressure return to normal. **Stuffing:** Tear 2 slices of dry bread into small pieces. Cook ¼ cup each chopped onion and celery in 1 tablespoon butter. Add to crumbs; add ½ chicken bouillon cube dissolved in 2 tablespoons hot water. Mix lightly.

Take the strain off the meat budget

By Betsy McCracken

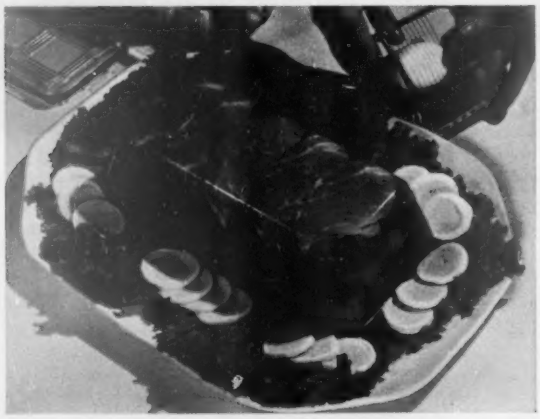
. . . by serving every morsel of meat. By making the last bite delicious! When leftovers taste so good that the family eats every bite, it means extra money in your pocket



Cold-meat platter. Main dish is ready in the time it takes to slice the roast. For vegetable, fix buttered asparagus spears. Chilled relishes double for the salad. Pass sandwich makings—bread, butter, mustard, catsup, or pickles. Then the folks can make a Dagwood if they wish

SLICE *Sunday's roast beef, pork, ham, or chicken for . . .*

Hot sandwiches. Slices of the big roast make a hearty dinner again when you serve them over squares of well-seasoned bread dressing. And they're extra-thrifty if you have leftover bread. Pour rich brown gravy over the top. If you are short on gravy, you can make it with one of the meat concentrates



Jellied salad loaf. A whole meal on a platter. Mold ham or chicken slices and vegetables (what you have on hand) together in cool gelatine. Platter's pretty if you wreath the loaf with curly green leaf lettuce and slices of hard-cooked eggs

CUBE *meat and add vegetables for . . .*

Savory stew. A pot roast doesn't make a hole in the budget if you serve it twice. The next time, cut meat in cubes. Simmer with vegetables in gravy

Meat pie. Top meat cubes in gravy with tender biscuits, and you have a main dish fit for company. Wonderful if you've extra beef, veal, chicken

Chop suey. You'd never guess this dinner started with yesterday's pork or veal roast. Cube meat; simmer with chop-suey vegetables and soy sauce

GRIND *every bit of leftover meat for . . .*

Meat roll-up. Brown a little chopped onion in hot fat till golden. Combine with ground leftover meat. Roll biscuit dough into rectangle. Spread with meat mixture. Roll and bake. Slice. Serve the biscuit whirls with a seasoned tomato sauce or gravy

Fold-overs. Cut rolled pastry in big circles. Put spoonfuls of juicy meat filling in center. Fold half over; seal edge with fork. Bake. For the sauce, add a little milk to condensed mushroom soup; then heat

Crusty croquettes. A little chicken, ham, or beef stretches to dinner size when you make croquettes. Make the quick sauce with condensed celery soup

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dish of Maryland Deviled Crab. It's easy to make, and wait till you take a fork to it—wonderful!

Those are crunchy Chocolate Macaroons in the comport. The party salad is chicken-almond. Make a big bowl of it and make it beautiful with rings of juicy pineapple.

You can have nine parties now and present something new, different, and delicious every time.

Toasted Coconut Mousse Pie

This is positively ambrosial. You have to make it and taste it to see why—

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 stiff-beaten egg white
- ½ cup shredded coconut, toasted

Whip cream; add sugar and vanilla. Fold in egg white and coconut. Pour into refrigerator tray and chill until mixture is very thick but not frozen. Pour into **Graham-cracker Crust:** Combine 2 cups graham-cracker crumbs and ½ cup melted butter or fortified margarine. Press firmly in greased 9-inch piepan. Chill thoroughly. Fill with coconut mixture and top with sweetened, sliced peaches or strawberries.—*Mrs. Bruce Beichl, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.*

Almond Ribbon Loaf

A cool, delicate dessert—airy and almond-flavored—

- 2 tablespoons (2 envelopes) unflavored gelatine
- ½ cup cold water
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 9 egg whites
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon almond flavoring
- 1 cup ground blanched almonds
- Few drops green food coloring

Soften gelatine in cold water; dissolve over hot water and cool. Add salt to egg whites and beat until they form soft peaks. Add sugar 1 tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition, until mixture is stiff and glossy. Add almond flavoring; then fold in gelatine. Remove one-third of mixture and add ground blanched almonds to it. To remaining two-thirds of mixture, add green food coloring. Line a 10x5-inch loaf pan with waxed paper: spread half of green mixture in bottom, then almond mixture; top with remaining green mixture. Chill until firm. Unmold and slice to serve. Serve with **Golden Custard:** Combine 9 egg yolks, ½ cup sugar, and ¼ teaspoon salt. Combine 1 cup milk and 1 cup heavy cream; scald; gradually stir into egg mixture. Return to double boiler and cook over hot, not boiling, water until custard coats a spoon, stirring constantly. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Chill.—*Miss Catherine Schabel, Whitehaven, Tennessee.*

Strawberry Ice Cream Pie

The crust is ground pecans—

- 2 cups finely ground pecans
- 4 egg whites
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 8 tablespoons sugar
- 1 quart strawberry ice cream

Press ground nuts firmly into 9-inch piepan. Chill. Beat egg whites until frothy; add cream of tartar; beat to stiff foam. Add sugar gradually, one tablespoon at a time, and continue beating until mixture forms moist, lustrous peaks. Spoon ice cream into nut crust and cover with meringue, sealing to edge of crust. Place piepan on board. Bake in hot oven (400°) 8 minutes until meringue is delicate brown. Serve at once.—*Mrs. A. Kenneth Glover, Waupaca, Wisconsin.*

Cherry-Nut Creme

The ingredients are very simple, and you end up with a really partified dessert—

- 1 3¼-ounce package vanilla pudding
- 1¾ cups milk
- 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 16 vanilla wafers
- ½ cup diced marshmallows
- ½ cup chopped California walnuts
- ½ cup chopped maraschino cherries

Prepare pudding as directed on package, using 1¾ cups milk. Soften gelatine in ¼ cup milk. Stir into hot pudding until gelatine dissolves. Cool at room temperature. Whip cream and add sugar and vanilla. Fold into pudding. Line an 8-inch square baking dish with vanilla wafers. Pour over one half of pudding mixture; sprinkle with marshmallows and half of chopped walnuts and maraschino cherries. Pour over remaining pudding and top with remaining walnuts and cherries. Chill thoroughly. Cut in squares and serve with whipped cream. Serves 9.—*Mrs. Anna Estill, Goltry, Oklahoma.*

Deep-sea Bake

You could have it all ready to go, slip it in the oven ½ hour before serving time—

- 8 hard-cooked eggs
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons melted butter or fortified margarine
- 3 tablespoons chopped sweet pickle
- 1½ teaspoons vinegar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 2 6-ounce cans broiled mushrooms, sliced
- 1 pound fresh or frozen shrimp, cleaned

Cut eggs in half; remove yolks; add mayonnaise, butter, pickle, vinegar, and seasonings; mix well and refill whites. Cover bottom of 2-quart casserole with mushroom slices; top with deviled eggs and the uncooked shrimp. Pour over **Cheese Sauce:** Melt ¼ cup butter or fortified margarine; stir in ¼ cup enriched flour; gradually add 2 cups milk and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Stir in 1 cup grated American cheese and cook over low heat until cheese melts. Pour over casserole and sprinkle with extra cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 30 minutes.—*Mrs. T. A. Milner, Libby, Montana.* [*Turn to page 244*

IT'LL MAKE 'EM STARRY-EYED!

Libby's Fruit-Freeze Cake

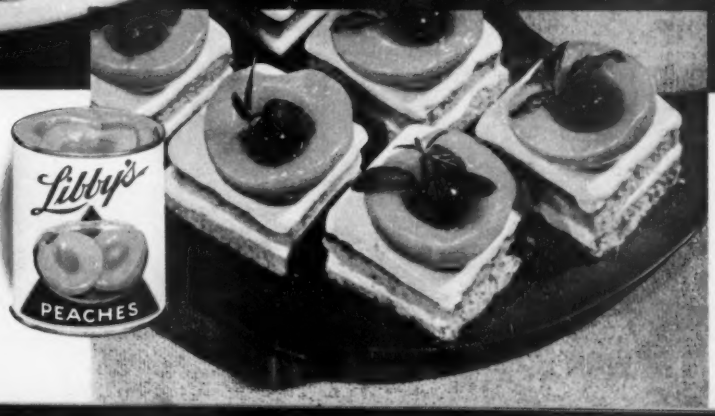
Speedy, easy...with Ice Cream, Cake and LIBBY'S FRUIT COCKTAIL

Here's a super-special-de luxe model of that beloved dessert—ice cream 'n' cake!

Cut wedges of *any* round layer cake (from your grocer's . . . a cake mix quickie . . . or your own cherished recipe). Place the wedges on a plate, points out, and heap on the ice cream.

Now the de luxe touch! Drain a can of *Libby's* Fruit Cocktail and serve those sparkling fruits on the snowy ice cream. Real "little jewels" they are—cut from the *same* fine quality of whole hand-picked fruits that Libby packs individually.

You just can't know how scrumptious ice cream can be until you've topped it with Libby's Fruit Cocktail—made with sun-rich peaches, pears, grapes, pineapple and maraschino-style cherries. You'll say Libby's is the *tops* in toppings!



Libby's Peach 'n' Ice Cream Slice

Here's one of the smartest dessert stunts you can do. Cut cake squares into flat slices. For each serving make a stack of alternating cake and brick ice cream slices. Top with a Libby's Peach half—one of those deep-down luscious "pick of the crop" peaches Libby has for you! Garnish with a maraschino cherry and mint leaves.

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"It's fun to fix treats for a party... and so simple!" *SAID ELSIE, THE BORDEN COW*

"SIMPLE-MINDED, it strikes me!" bellowed Elmer, the bull. "Who wants to eat a sailboat?"

"The children will love my sailboat salad," predicted Elsie. "And mothers will approve because it's made with *Borden's Cottage Cheese!*"

"What makes you think that all mothers are as keen about Borden's as you are?" prodded Elmer.

"They tell me so!" declared Elsie. "They like that creamy, fresh-tasting Cottage Cheese because it gives the youngsters so much of the calcium and protein that they need."

"But why in thunder," thundered Elmer, "do you want to make it look like what it isn't?"

"That's the party part that tickles the tots," smiled Elsie. "You know what a hit my Circus Sundae made on Beauregard's birthday!"

"Sure," Elmer granted, "every kid loves ice cream!"

"Especially *Borden's Ice Cream!*" Elsie pointed out. "It's so creamy and rich and it's not expensive. You just can't beat Borden's Vanilla when you want a super dessert in a hurry!"

"You take vanilla—I'll take chocolate," grunted Elmer.

"Speaking of chocolate," Elsie went on, "wait'll you taste my Magic Truffles — the smoothest chocolate candy you ever ate!"

"How come you've got time to make candy, too?" demanded Elmer.

"Oh, I made this candy with *Borden's Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk*," explained Elsie. "From start to finish, it takes only 12 minutes to make. Eagle Brand is so smooth, there's no beating."

"Sa-ay!" grinned Elmer grudgingly, reaching for another piece. "This *is* good candy!"

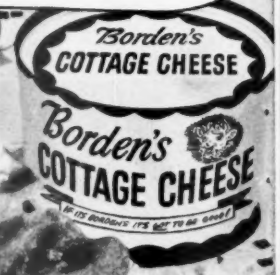
"Just as you'd expect, dear," beamed Elsie. *"If it's Borden's, it's GOT to be good!"*

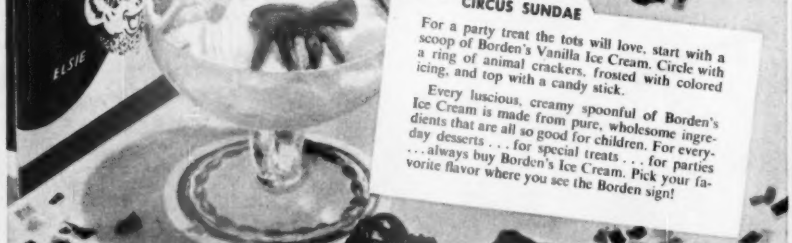
ELSIE'S SAILBOAT SALAD

Add red cinnamon candies to syrup drained from canned pear halves. Heat till dissolved. Return pears to syrup. When tinted red, lift out and chill.

Arrange lettuce on individual serving plates. Spoon Borden's Cottage Cheese on each. Top with a cinnamon pear half. Decorate with a sail of colored paper on a toothpick mast.

Borden's Cottage Cheese is a delicious and thrifty source of the protein and calcium your youngsters need. Creamy and tender in texture, it has the wholesome flavor of the country-fresh milk that it's made from!





CIRCUS SUNDAE

For a party treat the tots will love, start with a scoop of Borden's Vanilla Ice Cream. Circle with a ring of animal crackers, frosted with colored icing, and top with a candy stick.

Every luscious, creamy spoonful of Borden's Ice Cream is made from pure, wholesome ingredients that are all so good for children. For everyday desserts . . . for special treats . . . for parties . . . always buy Borden's Ice Cream. Pick your favorite flavor where you see the Borden sign!

MAGIC TRUFFLES

1 package (6-oz.) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
⅓ cup plus 1 tablespoon Borden's Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
Pinch of salt
¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
3 tablespoons ground nut meats (if desired)

Melt chocolate, *without stirring*, in top of double boiler. Remove from heat. Add Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk, salt, flavoring, and nuts (if desired). Stir only until blended.

Turn mixture into pan lined with waxed paper and press into block about one inch high. Chill until firm (about 2 hours). Turn out of pan, remove waxed paper, and cut in bars or squares.

FREE! Booklet of 70 Eagle Brand Magic Dessert Recipes. Send post card to Elsie, Dept. B41, Box 175, New York 46, N.Y.

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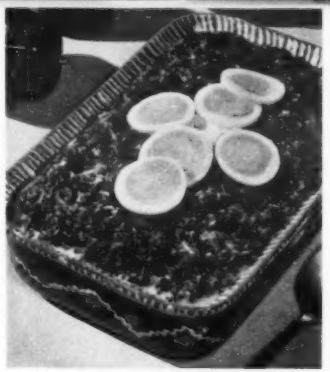
SPRING VEGETABLES



Spinach Delicious

Even folks who don't like spinach admit this is delicious—

- 1 14-ounce package frozen spinach or 1 pound fresh spinach, cooked
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- ¼ cup light cream or top milk
- 2 tablespoons horseradish
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper

Prepare spinach as directed on package; chop. Add remaining ingredients and heat. Serve hot. Garnish with hard-cooked egg. Serves 4 to 5.—*Julie King, New York City, New York.*

Golden Vegetable Bake

Cream-style corn and shredded carrots combine to make a delicious casserole—

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons enriched flour
- 1 cup scalded milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ¾ teaspoon paprika
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1½ cups shredded carrots
- 1 No. 303 can (1¾ cups) cream-style corn
- ⅓ cup chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion

Melt butter, add flour; blend. Gradually add milk; cook over low heat until thick, stirring constantly. Add seasonings. Stir a little hot sauce into eggs. Add egg mixture to sauce. Stir in vegetables. Pour into a greased 1½-quart casserole. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 50 to 55 minutes.—*Mrs. Floyd Zimmerman, Dillsboro, Indiana.*

ANGEL, SPONGE, AND CHIFFON CAKES

Dilly Green Beans

An easy way to make green beans taste extra good—

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 4 tablespoons fat
- 4 cups whole fresh green beans, cooked, or 2 packages frozen beans
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped dill or 1½ teaspoons dill seed
- 2 hard-cooked eggs

Cook onion in fat until golden. Add hot green beans, seasonings, and dill. Toss lightly. Top with chopped egg whites and sieved egg yolks. Serves 8.—*Mrs. S. P. Randolph, Chicago, Illinois.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Cakes

Burnt-sugar Chiffon Cake

- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2¼ cups cake flour
- 1¼ cups sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup salad oil
- 5 unbeaten egg yolks
- 6 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup egg whites
- ½ teaspoon cream of tartar

Melt ¾ cup sugar in heavy skillet over low heat until clear and medium brown. Remove from heat. Add water. Stir over low heat until lumps dissolve. Sift dry ingredients; make a well. Add salad oil, egg yolks, water, vanilla, and 6 tablespoons burnt-sugar syrup. Beat until satin smooth. Combine egg whites and cream of tartar. Beat until they form *very stiff peaks*. Fold egg-yolk batter into egg whites. Bake in 10-inch tube pan in moderately slow oven (325°) 55 minutes, then in moderate oven (350°) 10 to 15 minutes. Invert pan 1 hour, or until cool. **Burnt-sugar Frosting:** Melt 3 tablespoons butter. Remove from heat. Blend in 3 tablespoons cake flour and ½ teaspoon salt. Stir in ½ cup burnt-sugar syrup. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Beat in alternately 4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar and 4 tablespoons milk. Cream in ½ cup butter. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Cool, beating until of spreading consistency.—*Mrs. William J. Young, Evansville, Indiana.*

Luscious Raspberry Torte

Easy to serve during the rush at dessert time—

1 package frozen raspberries
2 teaspoons unflavored gelatine
½ cup water
Raspberry syrup and water to make 1 cup
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
1 10x5-inch loaf angel cake

Thaw berries, drain well. Soften gelatine in water. Dissolve in hot raspberry syrup. Chill until partially set. Beat until fluffy. Fold in whipped cream. Add berries. Chill until nearly set. Cut cake horizontally in three layers. Spread raspberry mixture between layers and on top and sides. Chill until set. Serves 8 to 10.—*Mrs. William C. Stephens, Centralia, Illinois.*

Spicy Sponge Cake

There's orange juice, too, for flavor and tenderness—

6 egg yolks
¾ cup sugar
¼ cup orange juice
¼ cup water
½ teaspoon vanilla
1½ cups cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon allspice
6 egg whites
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup sugar

Beat egg yolks; add ¾ cup sugar gradually, beating constantly till very thick and light. Add orange juice, water, and vanilla. Beat until sugar is dissolved. Add sifted dry ingredients all at once and fold in until just blended. Beat egg whites with salt until they form moist, glossy peaks. Gradually beat in ¾ cup sugar. Fold into egg-yolk mixture. Bake in ungreased 10-inch tube pan in a moderate oven (325°) 1 hour or until done. Remove pan from oven and invert pan 1 hour, or until cool.—*Mrs. J. C. Kerber, Delake, Oregon.*

Self-frosting Angel Cake

You sprinkle coconut on the batter before baking—

½ cup cake flour
6 tablespoons sugar
⅔ cup egg whites
⅛ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
6 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
⅛ teaspoon almond extract
½ cup coconut

Sift flour with 6 tablespoons sugar four times. Beat egg whites with salt till frothy; add cream of tartar and beat until stiff but not dry. Add remaining sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating to blend. Add flavorings. Sift half of flour mixture over top; fold in lightly. Add last of flour and fold in thoroughly. Pour into ungreased 9-inch square pan. Sprinkle with coconut. Bake in moderate oven (325°) 30 to 35 minutes. Invert pan 1 hour, or until cool. Remove cake from pan and cut into squares, cutting from bottom of cake through top.—*Mrs. S. R. Shave, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Vegetables

Asparagus With Hollandaise

Spring's new asparagus deserves a creamy, tart sauce—

¾ cup butter or fortified margarine
Dash cayenne
¼ teaspoon salt
1½ tablespoons lemon juice
3 egg yolks
1 pound asparagus spears, cooked

Place butter in top of double boiler off the heat. Beat with rotary beater or electric beater at medium speed until creamy. Blend in cayenne and salt. Beat in lemon juice, a few drops at a time. Add egg yolks, one at a time. Beat until fluffy. Heat over hot, not boiling, water a few minutes until glossy, stirring constantly. Water should not touch top pan. If you leave sauce too long, butter may melt, sauce separate. Spoon over hot asparagus.—*Mrs. F. L. Conner, Denver, Colorado.*

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PINEAPPLE MARGUERITE DESSERT

- 4 tbsps. butter
- 1½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- 18 marshmallows
- 4 slices DEL MONTE Brand Pineapple
- ½ cup syrup drained from pineapple
- Whipped cream, if desired

Cut butter into crumbs; mix with nutmeats. Turn into buttered 8x8" baking dish. Dip marshmallows in syrup from pineapple; place on crumb mixture. Pour remaining syrup over dish. Place in low temperature broiler, 5" or more from heat, and slowly brown marshmallows. Arrange pineapple slices on top; brush lightly with melted butter. Replace in broiler about 5 min. to heat pineapple slices. Serve while warm with whipped, sweetened cream. Serves 4.

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Upside-down Cakes and Pork Recipes are the moneymaking recipes in this month's contest. If your recipe takes first place, we'll send you $10. The 20 other winners will receive $3. You'll see the eight top recipes in November Cooks' Round Table.

Upside-down Cakes are colorful, pretty to serve. And they can save you kitchen time—because they come out of the oven frosted.

Your beauty may be topped with glistening pineapple rings centered with bright red maraschino cherries. Or juicy pear halves—either canned or fresh—and crisp California walnuts. Or tart red cherries, golden peach halves or slices, dried apricots or prunes.

Underneath may be a tender butter cake, spicy gingerbread, or an airy sponge cake. Or you may save time by using a cake mix.

If you have an attractive way of arranging the fruit topping, why don't you draw us a sketch? We want to bake your cake just the way you do.

Pork. Come November, you'll be seeing an array of pork cuts at the meat counter. So why don't you share your favorite pork recipes?

We're interested in how you cook sausage, bacon, and ham as well as the fresh-pork favorites—chops, roasts, ribs, tenderloin. And we'll be keeping an eye out for delicious ways to use leftovers, too.

Just think of all the wonderful pork dishes. Take pork chops, for example. Perhaps you stuff them with corn, bake them topped with pineapple slices, or barbecue them.

Or ham. You may glaze baked ham with honey and orange juice, frost a thick ham slice with cranberry sauce, bake individual servings of ham with pineapple slices.

What do you do with leftovers? Maybe you make a pork and apple pie with a sweet-potato crust, fix a chow mein dinner, or bake ground pork in pastry fold-overs.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and *six copies of the endorsed recipe.*

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "November Upside-down Cakes" or "November Pork Recipes."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of the recipe you submit.
6. All recipes submitted become the property of *Better Homes & Gardens.*
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, April 30.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5404 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

Cook-of-the-Month is Mrs. William J. Young. Her Burnt-sugar Chiffon Cake is mile-high with a rich caramel flavor.

When you're looking for something extra special to serve for afternoon tea, try Mrs. S. R. Shave's Self-frosting Angel Cake. Mrs. J. C. Kerber's Spicy Sponge Cake is airy, delicately spiced.

Mrs. William C. Stephens' Luscious Raspberry Torte is a real beauty—three layers of tender angel cake filled and frosted with raspberries in whipped cream.

Prizewinning vegetable recipe is Mrs. F. L. Conner's Asparagus With Hollandiase. You can make the sauce with confidence.

Horse-radish gives the delightfully different flavor to Julia King's Spinach Delicious. You'll like Mrs. Floyd Zimmerman's Golden Vegetable Bake. So easy, yet so good, is Mrs. S. P. Randolph's Dilly Green Beans. Chopped onions, dill, and chopped eggs give extra flavor.

You'll find these recipes on pages 89 and 90.

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Savory macaroni and cheese. Add 1 teaspoon grated onion to a quart casserole of macaroni and cheese to point up the flavor.—*Mrs. Lewis H. Batty, Montgomery, Alabama.*

Double duty. When you're mixing cookies or cake, grease the pan with the rubber scraper you've used to remove the shortening from the measuring cup. If you need more fat, take a small amount from the can. Spread on with a spatula. —*Mrs. R. L. Carlson, Duluth, Minnesota.*

Coconut trim. To tint coconut for a cake topping, put the shreds in a bowl with grated orange or lemon peel. Rub with wooden spoon. Citrus peel adds zippy flavor as well as delicate color.—*Janet Sutherland, Ames, Iowa.*

Cloverleaf rolls. For pretty, uniform rolls, roll dough ¾ inch thick. Cut with the detachable center of a doughnut cutter. Place three in each small muffin-pan section.—*Mrs. George B. Huntington, Ann Arbor, Michigan.*

Easier frosting. Place cake on the revolving stand of your electric mixer or Lazy Susan. Turn stand as you frost cake. No plate shifting this way.—*Mrs. C. P. Scott, New York.*

Cute cooky. Slice a roll of refrigerator cooky dough with a corrugated French-fry cutter. You'll have good-looking, ribbed cookies.—*Mrs. Gerald Belter, Baraboo, Wisconsin.*

Fluffy whipped cream. Use confectioners' sugar instead of granulated sugar to sweeten whipped cream. The cream will hold up longer.—*Mae Capron, West Valley, New York.*

Baking short cut. Collect all your cake ingredients and tools on a tray. Measure the ingredients at the source of supply. The shortening and vanilla go directly into the mixing bowl. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt onto waxed paper and divide into fourths, ready for alternate adding with milk. The sugar stays in the same cup you used for measuring the flour. As you mix, keep used utensils on tray, so the work surface stays clean, and everything's picked up, ready for the trip to the sink.—*Isabel McGovern, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

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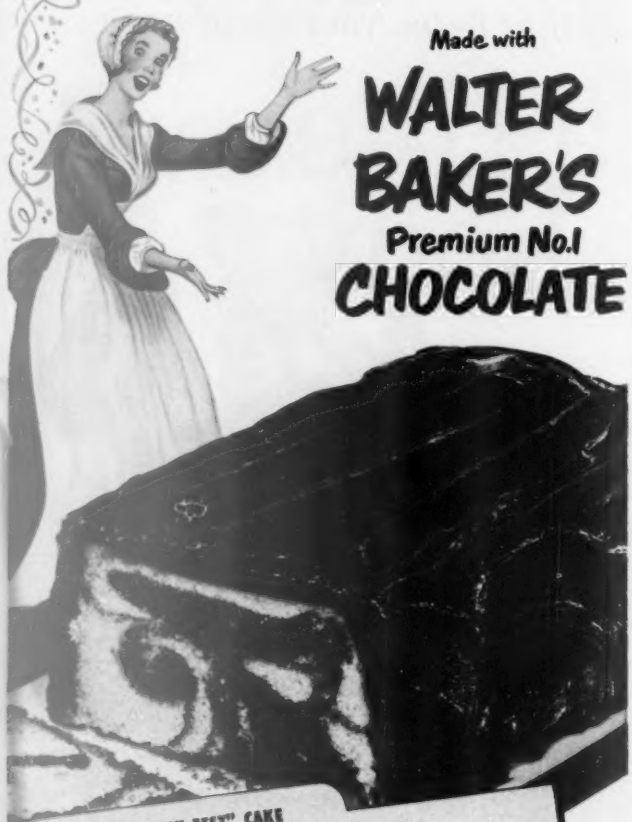

CHOCOLATE "FUN-FEST" CAKE

1 square Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted
2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon sugar
¼ teaspoon soda
2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
1½ teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
¾ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg, unbeaten
1 cup minus 2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine melted chocolate, water, 1 tablespoon sugar, and soda; blend thoroughly. Cool mixture.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Then add egg and beat thoroughly. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla; blend. Add ¼ of the batter to the chocolate mixture, mixing only enough to blend.

Use 10 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pan which has been lined on bottom with paper. Put large spoonfuls of batter into pan, alternating plain and chocolate mixtures. Then with a knife, cut carefully through batter once in a wide zigzag course. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 1 hour and 5 minutes, or until done. Spread with chocolate frosting. (See frosting recipe on package.)

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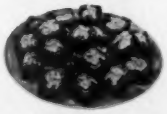

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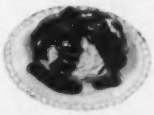

4. Quick SAUCE

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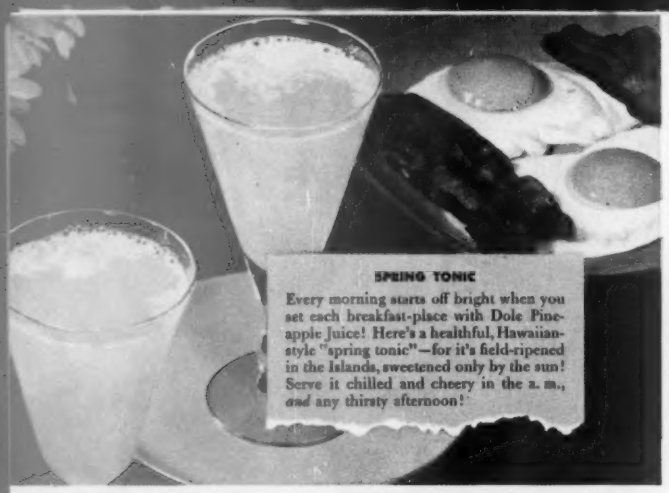
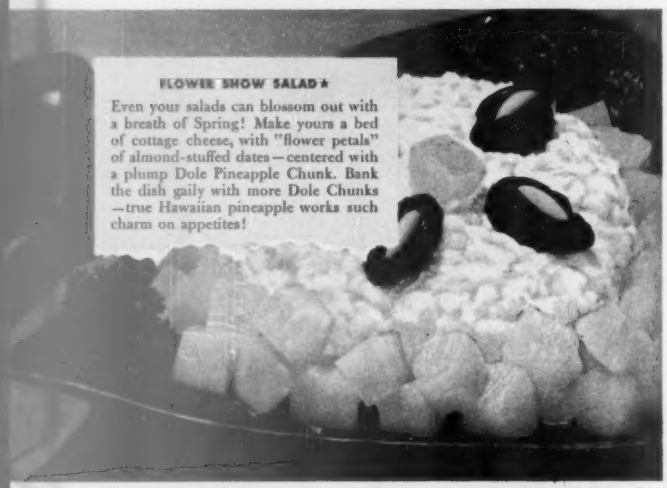


SPRING TONIC

Every morning starts off bright when you set each breakfast-place with Dole Pineapple Juice! Here's a healthful, Hawaiian-style "spring tonic"—for it's field-ripened in the Islands, sweetened only by the sun! Serve it chilled and cheery in the a. m., *and* any thirsty afternoon!

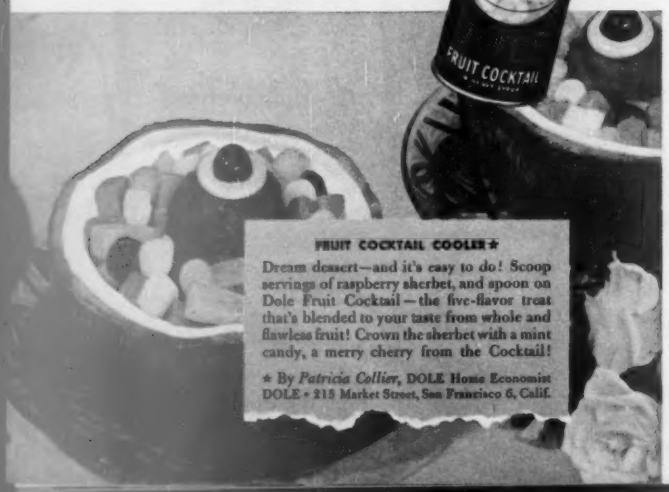
Enjoy Springtime



FLOWER SHOW SALAD ★

Even your salads can blossom out with a breath of Spring! Make yours a bed of cottage cheese, with "flower petals" of almond-stuffed dates—centered with a plump Dole Pineapple Chunk. Bank the dish gaily with more Dole Chunks—true Hawaiian pineapple works such charm on appetites!

with DOLE



FRUIT COCKTAIL COOLER ★

Dream dessert—and it's easy to do! Scoop servings of raspberry sherbet, and spoon on Dole Fruit Cocktail—the five-flavor treat that's blended to your taste from whole and flawless fruit! Crown the sherbet with a mint candy, a merry cherry from the Cocktail!

★ By *Patricia Collier*, DOLE Home Economist
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Get out your thrifty peanut-butter jar

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Honey-Nut Dressing. It starts with peanut butter, but turns into a creamy dressing when you beat in the salad dressing and honey. Ladle it generously over banana slices for a quick, delicious salad

Peanut-butter Frosting. It has a grand double flavor—rich nutty peanut, a suggestion of coffee. There's no cooking, no long beating

Dixie Butterscotch Pie. You can find time to make this on a busy day; it's so easy. Crust's graham-cracker crumbs with peanut butter. Filling's packaged butterscotch pudding topped with bananas

Recipes on page 101

Pillsbury's Great New Key to Flakiness

Pillsbury Pie Crust Mix now CHILL-BLENDED for real flakiness every time!

Women with the pie maker's knack have long known what chilling does for pie crust—right at the time the ingredients are blended together. It gives the crust rare tenderness, makes it flake apart at the touch of a fork.

Now this chilling is done for you by Pillsbury in its exclusive Chill-Blended mix.

As you might guess, this mix is blended together at low temperatures so that the particles of shortening stay separate and are distributed evenly throughout the flour. When the heat of the oven hits these particles, they puff, bubble and turn into a wonderful crust of delicate flakiness and tenderness.

This happens pie after pie after pie with this new Chill-Blended mix. Don't you want this assurance of flakiness in your pie making? Every time.

Flour and shortening blended at low temperatures by exclusive new Pillsbury manufacturing process.

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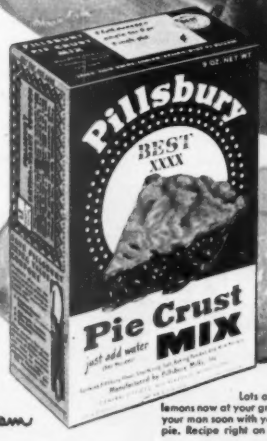
All you do is add water to the mix.

A Pillsbury Exclusive CHILL-BLENDED

Make this simple test. Pour a little of this mix into the palm of your hand. Rub it between your finger tips and immediately feel how completely the ***particles of shortening*** are distributed throughout the flour.

Some particles feel about the size of a pea—the others the size of coarse meal. That's the way many famous cookbooks agree they should always be. That's the way it is in ***package after package*** of Pillsbury Pie Crust Mix.



Lots of fresh Sunkist lemons now at your grocer's. Delight your man soon with your own lemon pie. Recipe right on the package.

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Pillsbury's BEST XXXX Mixes

Pillsbury PIE CRUST MIX

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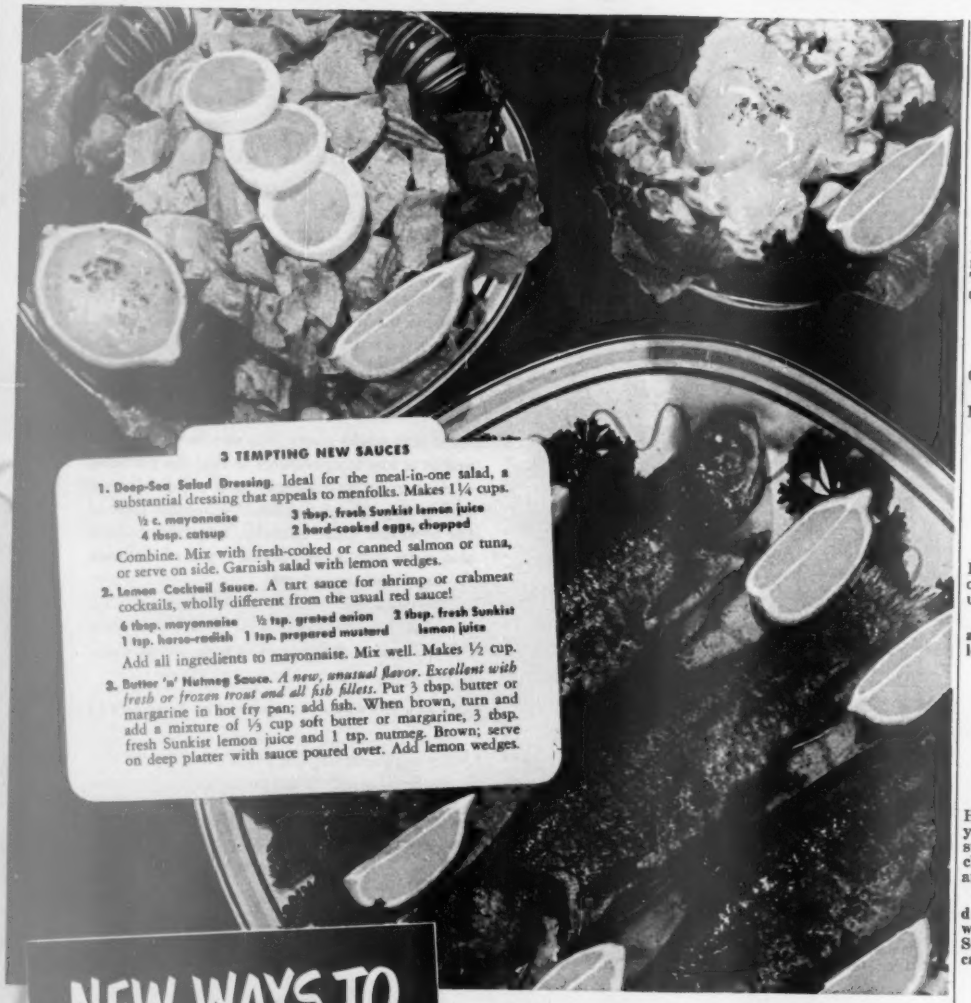

3 TEMPTING NEW SAUCES

1. **Deep-Sea Salad Dressing.** Ideal for the meal-in-one salad, a substantial dressing that appeals to menfolks. Makes 1¼ cups.

   ½ c. mayonnaise — 3 tbsp. fresh Sunkist lemon juice
   4 tbsp. catsup — 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped

   Combine. Mix with fresh-cooked or canned salmon or tuna, or serve on side. Garnish salad with lemon wedges.

2. **Lemon Cocktail Sauce.** A tart sauce for shrimp or crabmeat cocktails, wholly different from the usual red sauce!

   6 tbsp. mayonnaise — ½ tsp. grated onion — 2 tbsp. fresh Sunkist lemon juice
   1 tsp. horse-radish — 1 tsp. prepared mustard

   Add all ingredients to mayonnaise. Mix well. Makes ½ cup.

3. **Butter 'n' Nutmeg Sauce.** *A new, unusual flavor. Excellent with fresh or frozen trout and all fish fillets.* Put 3 tbsp. butter or margarine in hot fry pan; add fish. When brown, turn and add a mixture of ⅓ cup soft butter or margarine, 3 tbsp. fresh Sunkist lemon juice and 1 tsp. nutmeg. Brown; serve on deep platter with sauce poured over. Add lemon wedges.

NEW WAYS TO FIX FISH

FISH AND SEA FOOD ALWAYS CALL FOR

Fresh Lemons

Fresh lemons are to fish and sea food as pork is to beans, or corned beef to cabbage!

Here are three new sauces that make the most of that natural fish-and-lemon combination. All are unusual, tempting in taste and appearance. All are delicious!

Yet with all their novelty, and their special appeal to menfolks, *they're just about the easiest things you can do!* Try them!

When you garnish fish with lemon, remember you do it not only for color but to provide added flavor, too. Instead of flat slices, serve generous *wedges* of Sunkist Lemon as shown above. Then everyone can have plenty of that tantalizing lemon tang!

Secrets from the Sunkist Kitchen

If you like curry, you'll love another new cocktail sauce from our Kitchen. This *Sunkist Curry Sauce* has a unique, exciting flavor. Makes about 1 cup.

½ c. chili sauce
2 tbsp. fresh Sunkist lemon juice
½ tsp. curry powder
½ c. mayonnaise

Combine and pour over sea food.

(Loads of fascinating dishes in our Lemon Recipe Book—see below.)

Don't let any mere restaurant cook outdo you in flavoring and dressing up fruit and vegetable juices!

Serve tomato, apple, prune, pear and pineapple juice with a wedge of lemon hooked to each glass.

Have you noticed what happens when you squeeze fresh lemon juice into a steaming cup of hot tea? The color changes to clear amber, the aroma and flavor grow twice as delectable!

Tonight, start your family on the delightful custom of squeezing a wedge of lemon over hot vegetables. String beans, broccoli, beets, spinach, cauliflower taste *garden fresh!*

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The best cooks have the lemon habit!

REMEMBER LEMONS WHEN YOU SHOP!

Get out your thrifty peanut-butter jar

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Peanut-butter Frosting

- ¼ cup butter or fortified margarine
- ⅓ cup creamy peanut butter
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 2¼ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee
- 4 to 5 tablespoons milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter; add peanut butter and salt; blend thoroughly. Sift sugar with instant coffee. Beat in sugar mixture, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. (Or use 4 to 5 tablespoons cold, strong coffee instead of milk and instant coffee.) Add vanilla.

Peanut-butter Sandwich Fillings

Combine ½ cup crunchy peanut butter, ¼ cup chili sauce, and 2 tablespoons mayonnaise.

Add 2 slices chopped cooked bacon and 1 tablespoon mayonnaise to ¼ cup crunchy peanut butter.

Stir 2 tablespoons grated carrots and 1 tablespoon mayonnaise into ¼ cup crunchy peanut butter.

Combine 2 tablespoons pickle relish, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, and ½ cup peanut butter.

Peanut Crisscrosses

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 3 cups enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons soda

Thoroughly cream shortening, vanilla, and sugars. Add eggs; beat thoroughly. Stir in peanut butter, then sifted dry ingredients. Form into tiny balls with the palms of hands; place on greased cooky sheet. Press with back of a fork to make crisscross. Dough may also be rolled and cut if desired. Bake in moderately hot oven (375°) 10 minutes. Makes 50 to 60 small cookies.

Plantation Milk Shake

- ¼ cup creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- Dash salt
- 2 cups milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

Cream together peanut butter, sugar, and salt. Beat in ¼ cup milk with rotary beater or electric mixer. Add remaining milk gradually; beat until smooth. Add vanilla. Chill. To serve, top each glass with dash of nutmeg. Makes 2 glasses.

Dixie Butterscotch Pie

- 1½ cups graham-cracker crumbs
- ⅓ cup sugar
- ¼ cup crunchy peanut butter
- 5 tablespoons melted butter or fortified margarine
- 1 package prepared butterscotch pudding
- 2 cups milk

Mix crumbs and sugar; stir in peanut butter. Mix in melted butter. Press firmly into greased 9-inch piepan. Chill until set. Prepare pudding with milk as directed on package. Cool. Pour into pie shell. Chill. Top with a ring of sliced bananas, if desired.

Nutty Bran Muffins

- 1 cup 100 percent bran
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons crunchy peanut butter
- ⅓ cup shortening
- 1 egg
- 1 cup enriched flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Pour milk over bran; let soak 5 minutes. Cream peanut butter and shortening; add egg and beat until smooth. Add to bran mixture. Add sifted dry ingredients to bran mixture and stir only until all flour is dampened. Fill greased muffin pans ⅔ full. Bake in hot oven (400°) 25 minutes. Makes 10 large muffins.

Honey-Nut Salad Dressing

Stir 1 tablespoon creamy peanut butter and 1 tablespoon honey into ¼ cup salad dressing (not mayonnaise).

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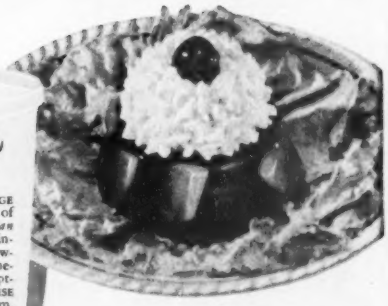
Sombrero Salad

COTTAGE CHEESE AND CLING PEACHES

Tangy zest of snowy-white COTTAGE CHEESE . . . delicious goodness of canned Cling Peaches . . . *glorious Sombrero Salad!* Simply place round of green pepper on two peach halves, on lettuce. Top with hat-crown cone of COTTAGE CHEESE. Slip on gay pimiento ring. *Quick . . . easy . . . good!* Serve with Rye Wafers.



Hawaiian Salad

COTTAGE CHEESE AND PINEAPPLE

Snowy mound of zesty COTTAGE CHEESE on shimmering base of fruity tastiness . . . *Hawaiian Salad!* On crisp lettuce place individual molds of cherry or strawberry gelatine containing pineapple chunks. Top with tempting mound of COTTAGE CHEESE and maraschino cherry. M-m-m, *good!* Serve with crackers.

Treasure Island

COTTAGE CHEESE AND FRUIT COCKTAIL

Jewels in the snow . . . nest of mellow COTTAGE CHEESE heaped with colorful, tasty fruit bits . . . *Treasure Island Salad!* So *inviting* . . . so *easy!* Heap drained fruit cocktail in nest-like layer of COTTAGE CHEESE, on crisp lettuce leaves. Cap with COTTAGE CHEESE. Serve with Rye Wafers. *Delightful!*

Smooth, tangy COTTAGE CHEESE . . . grand eating in *so many ways!* To make tempting *appetizer, spread* or *garnish* . . . blend with chives—chopped olives—peppers—sliced onions—celery—radishes—raw carrots. Delicious with fruits . . . salads . . . cold-cut meats—in CHEESE cake, blintzes . . . scores of other appealing dishes. Always remember . . . serve with *ease* . . . you're sure to *please* . . . with COTTAGE CHEESE!

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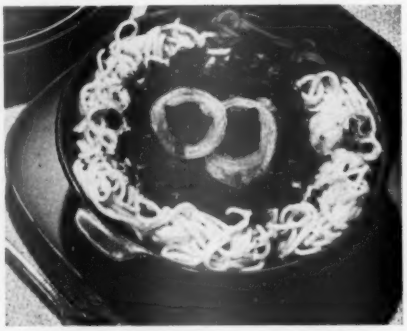

Casseroles. Don't forget your favorite casserole recipe when you puzzle over what to do with leftovers. Spaghetti, macaroni, or noodles—all make the meat go twice as far

Chili con carne. Red beans stretch the meat. Onions, green pepper, chili powder add peppy flavor. You'll need crisp, hot crackers, a tossed green salad. And that makes supper!

Sandwiches. Hearty meat sandwiches are perfect noon fare at home or in a lunch box. Season meat the way you like it—with pickles, catsup, chopped celery or green onion, grated carrots, and mayonnaise

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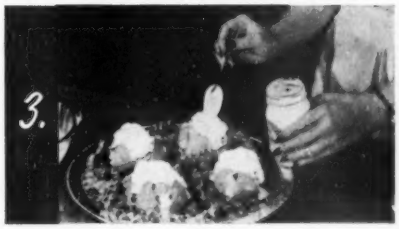
How to make wonderful Chicken Salad

Gradually add ¼ cup chicken broth to ¾ cup Kraft Mayonnaise; blend well after each addition of broth. The delicate richness of Kraft Mayonnaise will make a real difference in your salad. Velvety rich, delightfully seasoned, Kraft's is true mayonnaise at its finest.

To serve four people, prepare 2½ cups cooked diced chicken, 1½ cups diced celery, ¼ cup broken pecans, ¼ cup sliced stuffed olives. Toss together lightly with ¾ teaspoon salt and a dash of freshly ground pepper. Add the mayonnaise mixture, blending it in lightly.



Peel 4 large tomatoes and cut each into 5 sections, poinsettia style, almost to the stem end. Place on leaf lettuce, press sections apart and fill with chicken salad. Garnish with Kraft Mayonnaise, the Kitchen-Fresh Mayonnaise with the wonderfully delicate flavor.

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The art of making a

By Kathryn Bele Niles

Peek over the shoulder of an omelet artist and see just what the tricks are for a French or for a fluffy omelet.

A *French omelet* is like tender, golden scrambled eggs that never had a spoon stirred through them. The pictures on this page show you the secrets of the chefs who make omelets so expertly.

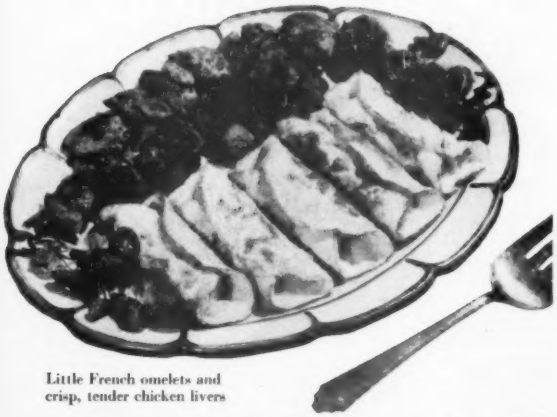
The *fluffy omelet* is high, airy, tender, golden brown. You cut it with two forks so none of the "puff" is lost. Then pride yourself on having the knack of making a beautiful omelet. Pictures on page 107 show you how to make it.

How to make a French omelet

1 Beat 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon water, ¼ teaspoon salt, and a dash of pepper in a bowl till mixture looks like thin cream—*not* frothy. Use a fork. Heat small skillet (7-inch is good size) till quite hot. Add 2 teaspoons butter. It will sizzle but shouldn't brown when it hits the *hot* skillet

2 Pour in the eggs. Now swish your fork through the *top* of the mixture — trace a big M. This allows eggs to heat evenly. Tilt and shake pan to get omelet well up on sides of pan. Let set for a minute or two till top is cooked to creaminess and the bottom is delicately browned

beautiful omelet



Little French omelets and crisp, tender chicken livers

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3 Shake skillet to loosen omelet. Now start at handle end and fold a third of the omelet over the center. Tipping the skillet like this helps you work faster. (If you want a surprise hidden in the center of the omelet, add before you start folding—see all the ideas on page 124)

4 Now fold the other side over the center. Slide the omelet onto warm serving platter. If you're making several, keep them warm in the oven till all are ready for the table. Top of page: a platterful of little French omelets and crisp chicken livers, peppy water cress

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Now! All ready to Serve

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Omelet art

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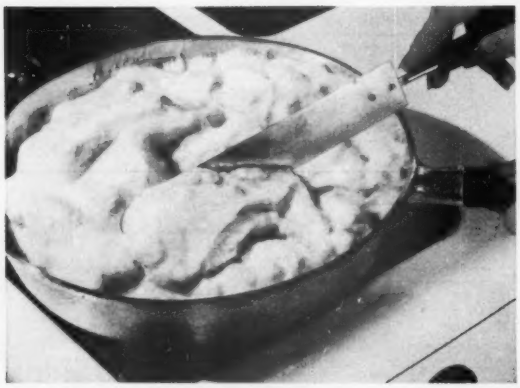
How to make a fluffy omelet

1 For 3 or 4 people, you will need 4 eggs. Separate whites from yolks. Add ½ teaspoon salt and 2 tablespoons water to the whites. Beat with rotary beater until stiff but not dry. Stir ⅛ teaspoon pepper and 2 tablespoons flour into yolks with fork; beat with rotary beater until well blended. Fold into egg whites. Meanwhile heat 1 tablespoon butter in a large skillet (10-inch)



2 When butter is just hot enough to make a drop of water sizzle, pour in omelet mixture. Level gently, leaving omelet slightly higher around the edge. Lower heat. Cook slowly until puffy and lightly browned on bottom, about 5 minutes. (Lift edge with spatula to check browning.) Finish omelet in slow oven (300°) 8 to 10 minutes

3 When omelet's done, a knife inserted in center will come out clean. To fold omelet, hold skillet with your left hand. Carefully loosen omelet with spatula. You can add filling after the omelet is folded

More photographs on next page

Spring in a Pie Shell!

THREE NEW BAKER'S COCONUT BEAUTIES!

All the magic—all the fresh beauty of spring go into your pie-making when you conspire with luscious Baker's Coconut!

And here's a garden of gay beauties to pick from! *Spring Posie Pie*—so rich with toasted Baker's Coconut. *Pink Blossom*—luscious chocolate pie. *Ambrosia Pie*—gold and white and flavor-fresh with Baker's Coconut!

Choose one *now*—for tonight's dessert!

SPRING POSIE PIE

Mix 1 envelope gelatine and ¼ cup cold water in bowl. Combine ¼ cup sugar and 2 egg yolks in saucepan. Add 1½ cups milk gradually, stirring constantly.

Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture coats spoon. (Do *not* boil.) Remove from heat. Pour over gelatine and stir until gelatine is dissolved. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Chill until slightly thickened. Beat 2 egg whites with ¼ teaspoon salt until foamy, add ¼ cup sugar gradually. Continue beating until stiff. Fold into gelatine mixture.

Fold in ½ cup cream, whipped, and ¾ of a package of Baker's Coconut, toasted (1 heaping cup). Turn into baked 9-inch pie shell. Sprinkle top with remaining toasted coconut and chill until firm. Garnish with blossoms made by clipping marshmallows to resemble petals. Place small piece of cherry in center of each blossom.

To toast coconut, spread thinly in shallow baking pan. Place in moderate oven (350°F.) and toast 5 to 7 minutes. Stir occasionally.

Pink Blossom Pie. Make chocolate pie on Jell-O Chocolate Pudding package, adding 1 cup Baker's Coconut, cut, with the milk. After cooking, add ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract, then cool. Turn into pie shell, chill, spread with ⅓ cup cream, whipped. Sprinkle with ½ cup Baker's Coconut, tinted pink.

To tint coconut, sprinkle on sheet of white paper. Dilute a tiny bit of red vegetable coloring in a teaspoon of water; sprinkle over coconut, then rub through coconut.

Ambrosia Pie. Make coconut pie filling on Baker's Premium Shred Coconut package, substituting 2 teaspoons grated orange rind for vanilla. Turn into baked 9-inch pie shell, top with whipped cream or unbaked meringue. Garnish with 2 cups orange sections and ½ cup Baker's Coconut.

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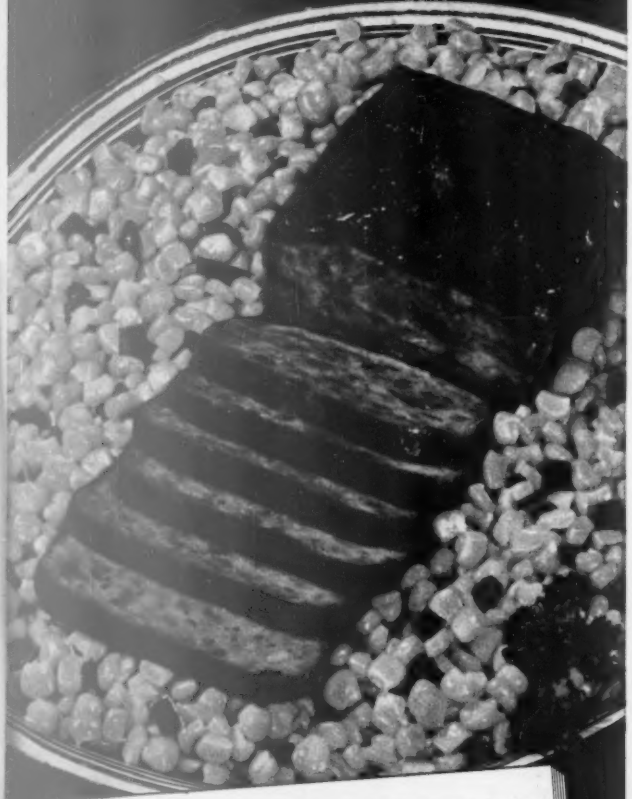

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SPREAD.....remaining glaze over SPAM
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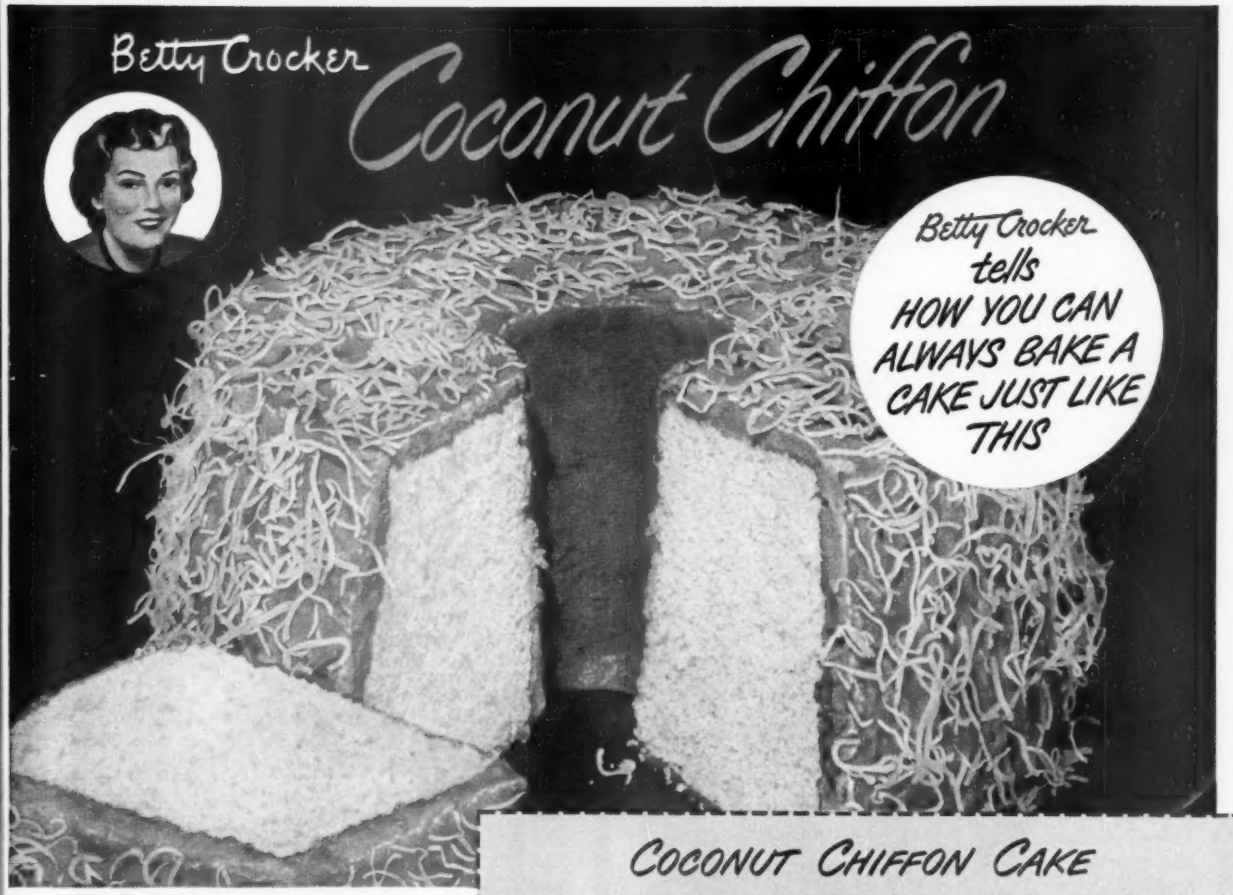
4 Have hot platter ready. Make a cut across the omelet at right angles to handle and slightly above center. Then place broad spatula as shown. Tilt skillet up; fold upper half of omelet over onto lower half

5 Now put heated platter alongside. Edge of skillet should touch platter. Keep tilting skillet up, up—till omelet slips onto the platter

6 To serve, tear omelet apart gently with 2 forks like this. Your omelet will stay light and fluffy. Directions for omelet fillings on page 124



COCONUT CHIFFON CAKE

Delicate As Angel Food—Rich Tasting As Butter Cake

(MAKE ONLY WITH GOLD MEDAL FLOUR)

Preheat oven (see pan sizes and corresponding temperatures at right). Sift an ample amount of GOLD MEDAL *"Kitchen-tested"* Enriched Flour onto a square of paper.

LARGE CAKE . . . *Makes 16 to 20 Servings*

STEP 1 . . . Measure (level measurements throughout) and **Sift** together into mixing bowl:

- **2 cups *sifted* GOLD MEDAL *"Kitchen-tested"* Enriched Flour (spoon lightly into cup, don't pack)**
- **1½ cups sugar**
- ***3 tsp. baking powder**
- ***1 tsp. salt**

Make a well and add in order:

- **½ cup cooking (salad) oil such as Wesson**
- **7 unbeaten egg yolks (medium-sized)**
- **¾ cup cold water**
- **1 tsp. vanilla**
- **1 tsp. almond extract**

Beat with spoon until *smooth*.

STEP 2 . . . Measure into *large* mixing bowl:

- **1 cup egg whites (7 or 8)**
- **½ tsp. cream of tartar**

Whip until whites form *very stiff* peaks. DO NOT UNDERBEAT.

STEP 3 . . . Pour egg yolk mixture gradually over whipped egg whites—*gently* folding with rubber scraper *just* until blended. DO NOT STIR.

Fold in . . . . . **⅓ cup shredded coconut**

Pour into *ungreased* pan immediately.

BAKE

10-in. tube, 4-in. deep—325°—55 min.
then—350°—10 to 15 min.
13 x 9½ x 2-in. oblong—350°—45 to 50 min.
. . . or until top springs back when *lightly* touched.

Immediately turn pan upside down, placing tube part over neck of funnel or bottle, or resting edges of oblong pan on 2 other pans. Let hang, free of table, until cold. Loosen from sides and tube with spatula. Turn pan over and hit edge sharply on table to loosen: Spread with Blush Pink Butter Icing. Sprinkle top and sides with coconut.

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BLUSH PINK BUTTER ICING

Cream together { **2 cups *sifted* confectioners' sugar**
⅓ cup shortening (part butter for flavor)

Stir in . . . . . **2½ tbsp. maraschino cherry juice**
1 tsp. vanilla

Add additional cherry juice if icing appears too thick. *For more generous icing, double the amounts of ingredients.*

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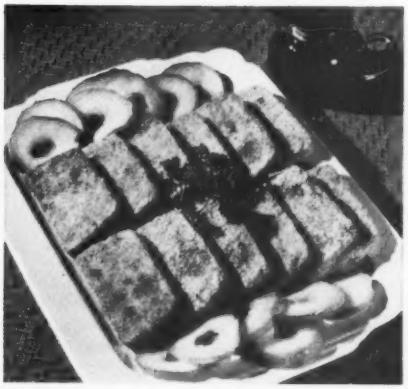

Old-fashioned scrapple. When does a half pound of leftover pork serve four? When you mix it with corn-meal mush for scrapple. Serve with glazed apple rings and hot syrup

Stuffed onions. Lots to eat for little money. Cook big, round onions. Slice top from onions. Push out centers. (Save the centers for creaming later.) Fill with ground leftover meat or corned-beef hash. Bake

Save even the bones. Use for . . .

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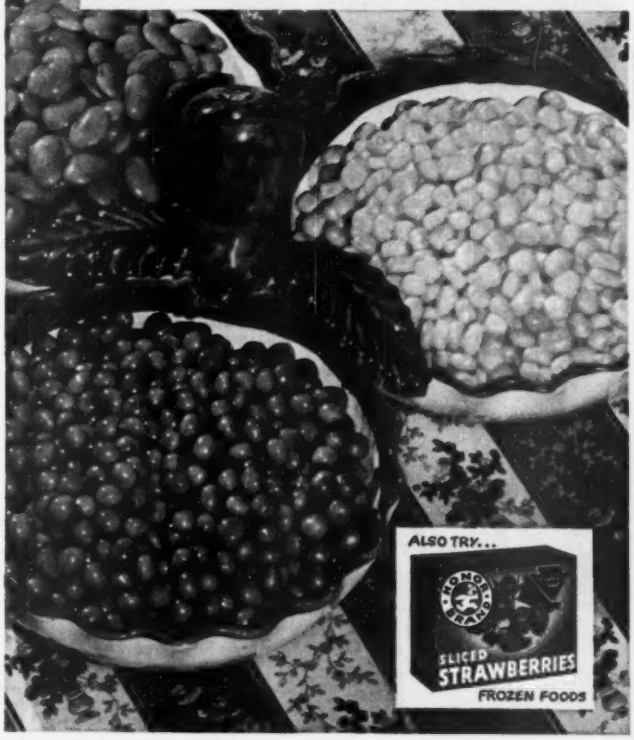

Company Dinner with that

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Savory Roast Pork

Sprinkle 6 pounds pork shoulder with salt and ¼ teasp. French's Black Pepper. Roast in shallow pan on rack, fat side up, in slow oven (325°F.) for 4 hours. Combine 1 cup broth or water, ½ cup lemon juice, ½ teasp. French's Oregano, ½ teasp. French's Fennel, ½ teasp. French's Nutmeg, ½ teasp. French's Garlic Powder; cook 5 minutes. Baste every 30 minutes with herb mixture until used, then with pan juices. Sprinkle potatoes with French's Parsley Flakes.

Ginger Glazed Carrots

Boil 8 small carrots until almost tender. Rub off skins under cold water. Dry thoroughly. Heat 3 tablesps. butter or margarine and ½ teasp. French's Ginger in a heavy skillet. Roll carrots in 2 tablesps. sugar and place in skillet. Simmer until glazed, turning frequently. Garnish with French's Parsley Flakes. Yield: 4 servings.

Chocolate Cake

Melt 4 sq. unsweetened chocolate in ¼ cup hot milk; cool. Cream ¾ cup shortening: slowly add 2 cups sugar; beat well. Add 3 egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add chocolate. Sift 2 cups all-purpose flour with 1 teasp. baking soda and ½ teasp. salt; add to batter alternately with 1 cup milk and 2 teasps. French's Vanilla. Fold in 3 egg whites beaten stiff. Turn into 2 greased 9" pans. Bake at 350°F. 30 minutes, or until done. Cool; spread layers with whipped cream flavored with ¼ teasp. French's Vanilla. Combine into layers.

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In a hot oven, in a cold refrigerator—this four-piece set is at home either place. Use dishes for bakers, then to store the leftovers. Colorful dishes are topped with clear-glass covers. Stack them to save space. Three small ones fit in place on tray-cover of large one

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Food that just won't fit into any container? Wrap it in heavy aluminum foil or self-sealing waxed paper. Seal by making a double-fold closure. Good for leftover meat like this baked ham. Store it in your freezer and plan to use it when you want dinner in a hurry

save food and money

By Frances Madigan

You'll get more meals, tastier meals, better meals out of foods on hand if you store them right. *Food saved means money saved.* Smart stowaways help you do the job the way it should be done. They'll keep fresh foods fresh, let you save leftovers, keep your food good to the last bite. *That's* good management.

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Line up your leftovers in no time at all. Spacesaving basket of nontarnishing metal holds six clear-plastic boxes with lids. Each one holds the contents of a No. 2 can (2½ cups). Basket is easy to slide in and out, fits along one side of the refrigerator shelf. Compact line-up gives you a start in planning for the next meal

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3 ways to give leftovers that

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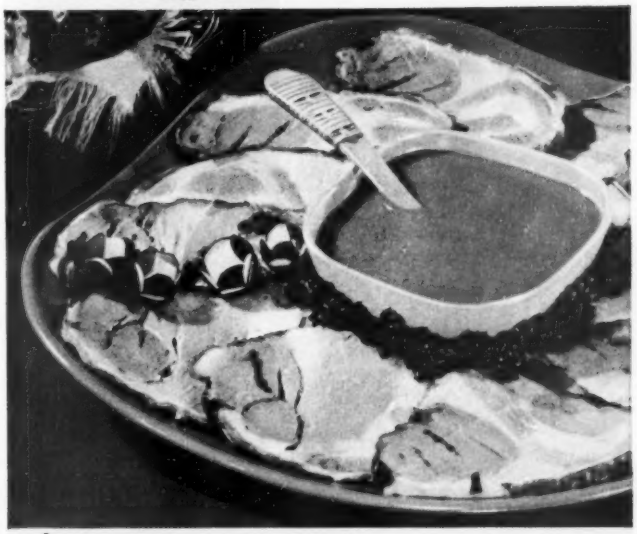
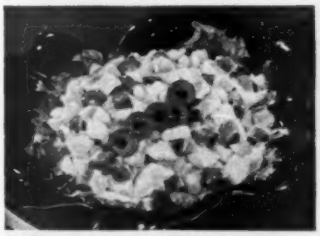


1 A GOURMET'S SAUCE FOR COLD MEAT SLICES

½ glass currant jelly — Equal quantity French's Mustard

Melt currant jelly over low heat, add slowly and blend in an equal quantity of French's Mustard. Serve hot with slices of leftover roast pork. Or, meat and sauce together may be placed in frying pan, covered tightly and simmered slowly till hot. This sauce is equally delicious with cold ham, lamb or chicken.



2 HAM AND POTATO SALAD

1 cup cooked ham, diced
2 cups cooked potatoes, diced
1 cup diced celery
3 hard cooked eggs, chopped
½ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup French's Mustard
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix mayonnaise and mustard together and combine with other ingredients. Serve on a bed of crisp lettuce leaves.

3 CHEF'S CASSEROLE

1 cup cooked rice
1 cup cooked fish
½ cup milk
1 egg, beaten
¼ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine
1 tablespoon French's Mustard
1 teaspoon French's Parsley Flakes

Combine all ingredients and pour into greased casserole. Top with buttered bread crumbs, and bake in a moderate oven (350 F.) for 45 minutes. Serves 3-4.

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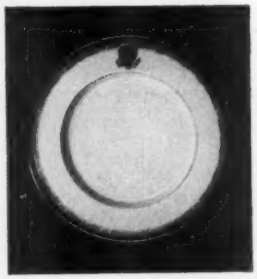

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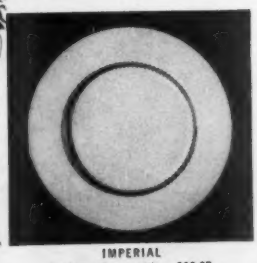

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Smart stowaways save food and money

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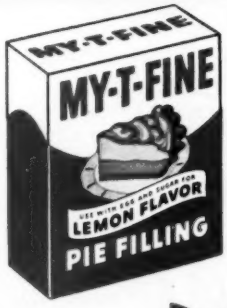
Containers of clear plastic store cheese, bread, and butter. You keep flavor fresh. *No waste.* All-in-one cheese container lets you store, serve, and slice a standard 2-pound package. Cheese sits on tray. Slicer fits in end cover. Bread container holds a whole loaf, adjusts to the amount you have on hand. If you're not big bread eaters, keep it in refrigerator. Butter dish is for ¼ pound; can be used for both storing and serving

Save meat drippings on the spot. This gleaming metal three-piece set will make a handsome addition to the top of your range. Container has perforated tray to strain drippings. Matching salt and peppers complete the set

No trouble storing jumbo-size cans of fruit juice when you have one of these 50-ounce canisters. Of flexible plastic, its tight cover has a spout for easy pouring. Smaller version 20-ounce juice canister, left, is dressed up with hand-painted strawberry design. Matching refrigerator dishes are good for leftovers, may be stacked to save space. The raised ring in the center of the cover holds top dish in place

Handy all-purpose plastic-coated paper containers have tight-fitting lids. They're good for baking—try them for custard. Good for storing leftovers. Good for storing bacon drippings in the refrigerator. And swell for freezing, too



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Cook as for lemon pie, according to directions on package, using 2 cups water. Cool slightly. Whip 1 cup cream, fold in. Fill mold with alternate layers of ladyfingers or sponge cake and the lemon mixture. Chill 4 hours or longer. Unmold just before serving. Serves 6.

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Sugar-cinnamon loaf

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Sugar-Cinnamon Loaf

You can see just how it looks, in the picture, page 78—

- ¼ cup melted shortening
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 cake fresh or 1 package granular yeast
- ¼ cup lukewarm water
- 1 cup milk, scalded
- 3½ cups enriched flour
- • • •
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1½ teaspoons cinnamon

Combine cooled shortening, ¼ cup sugar, salt, and egg; add yeast softened in lukewarm water. Cool milk to lukewarm. Add alternately with flour. Knead lightly. Let rise in greased bowl until doubled in bulk. Punch down. Turn out on pastry cloth; let rest 10 minutes. Roll in rectangle, 7½x19 inches. Brush with milk. Sprinkle with remaining ¼ cup sugar and cinnamon. Roll as for jelly roll; place in greased 10x5-inch loaf pan. Let rise until doubled in bulk. Just before baking, brush loaf gently with cooled melted butter; sprinkle with an additional 1½ tablespoons sugar mixed with ½ teaspoon cinnamon. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 45 minutes. *Note:* One package roll mix will make 1 Sugar-Cinnamon Loaf.

Spring Stew

A subtle blending of flavors and gentle cooking makes your stew a success—

- 1½ pounds lamb, veal, or beef, cut in 1½-inch cubes
- Flour
- 2 tablespoons bacon fat
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- Celery seed
- Pinch of marjoram or thyme
- 2 to 4 tablespoons catsup
- Potatoes*
- Carrots*
- Small onions*

*The number of each depends on the size of the vegetables. Allow at least 1 potato per person and 2 carrots and onions per person.) Coat meat with flour. Brown in hot fat. Add onion; cook until golden brown. Add seasonings. Cover with water and cover tightly. Cook gently over low heat until meat is tender, 1½ to 2 hours. Peel potatoes, carrots, and onions. Leave whole if not too large, or cut in good-sized pieces. Add vegetables to stew 35 to 45 minutes before meat is tender. Add more water if necessary. Season to taste. Cook until vegetables are tender. Remove meat and vegetables. Thicken stock for gravy. Serves 4 to 6.

Old-fashioned Rolled Cookies

The kind of sugar cooky you remember in your mother's cooky jar—

- ½ cup shortening (part butter for flavor)
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 well-beaten egg
- 1¾ cups enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking powder

Thoroughly cream shortening, sugar, and vanilla. Add egg and beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients; mix thoroughly. Roll very thin (1/16 inch) on lightly floured surface. Cut with 3-inch cutter. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake on greased cooky sheet in moderately hot oven (375°) until delicately browned, 6 to 8 minutes. Makes about 3½ dozen cookies.

Rolled Rump Roast

Thorough browning is the trick. Looks better, tastes better, and makes rich brown gravy—

- 3½ to 4 pounds rolled rump
- 2 to 3 tablespoons bacon fat
- 1 medium-sized onion, sliced
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- Salt and pepper
- 1 or 2 bay leaves
- Potatoes*
- Carrots*

*Number depends on size; allow 1 potato and 2 carrots per person.) Brown meat evenly on all sides in hot fat in heavy pan or Dutch oven. Add onion and celery; cook until delicate brown. Season well with salt and pepper. Add just enough water to cover bottom of pan. Add bay leaf. Cover tightly. Bake in slow oven (325°) or simmer gently on top of range. Allow about 45 minutes per pound. Add more water when necessary; turn meat over once to insure even cooking. About 45 minutes before meat is tender, add potatoes. Add carrots 30 to 40 minutes before meat is done. Season vegetables. Turn potatoes and carrots once. Continue baking until vegetables are tender. Remove meat and vegetables; thicken liquid for gravy.

Puffy Cheese Souffle

Beautiful brown top. Moist and tender on the inside—

- 3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- ¼ cup enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Pepper
- 1 cup milk
- 1½ cups grated cheese (about ¼ pound)
- 4 eggs, separated

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in flour, salt, and pepper. Remove from heat. Gradually stir in milk. Return to heat. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Add grated cheese; cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until cheese melts. Gradually add sauce to slightly beaten egg yolks. Beat egg whites until stiff. Carefully fold into cheese mixture. Pour into 1½-quart casserole. Bake in pan of hot water in moderately slow oven (325°) 1 hour and 15 minutes. Serve *at once*. Serves 4 to 6.

Real Swedish Rye Bread

And real Swedish rye it is. Molasses and brown sugar for dark color, oatmeal for moist tenderness, and anise or cumin for unusual flavor—

- 2 cups boiling water
- ¼ cup quick-cooking oatmeal
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon anise or cumin
- ¼ cup shortening or salad oil
- ¼ cup strong, dark molasses
- 1 cake fresh yeast
- 2 cups enriched flour
- 3 cups rye flour
- 1½ cups to 1½ cups enriched flour

Pour boiling water over oatmeal, brown sugar, salt, anise or cumin, shortening, and molasses. Stir in shortening. Cool to lukewarm. Crumble yeast into mixture; stir until yeast is dissolved. Add 2 cups enriched flour; beat hard 2 minutes, or until batter falls from spoon in "sheets." With hand, mix in rye flour and remaining enriched flour, adding just enough to make soft dough. Mix well. Let dough rest 10 minutes. Then knead until smooth

and elastic. Round up; place in greased bowl. Cover with damp cloth. Let rise in warm place (82°) until double, about 1½ hours. Punch down. Let rise again until almost double, about 30 minutes. Punch down and divide dough in half. Mold into loaves; place in greased pans. Cover with damp cloth; let rise until almost double, about 45 minutes. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 35 to 40 minutes. When baked, brush tops with butter. Makes 2 loaves of bread.

For Swedish Limpa: Shape each half into circle about ½ inch thick. Place on greased cooky sheet. Let rise 35 to 40 minutes. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 25 minutes. Brush with butter when baked.

For Tapered Loaf of Rye Bread: Shape each half into long roll, about 15 inches, tapering ends. Place on greased cooky sheet. With sharp, thin knife, cut diagonal gashes ½ inch deep across top . . . about 1½ inches apart. Let rise 30 to 40 minutes. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 25 minutes. Brush with butter when baked.

Lemon Chiffon Pie

The flavor is refreshing after a big dinner—

- 3 egg yolks
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine
- ¼ cup cold water
- 3 stiff-beaten egg whites
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 9-inch baked pastry shell

Beat egg yolks slightly with spoon; stir in sugar, salt, lemon peel and juice. Cook in double boiler until thick. Add gelatine softened in cold water; beat with rotary beater until fluffy. Cool until partially set. Beat with rotary beater until smooth. Carefully fold into egg whites beaten until stiff with cream of tartar and remaining 6 tablespoons sugar. Pile into cooled baked shell. Chill at least 2 hours.

Frosted Cinnamon Twists

Extra tender and delicious. Good enough to serve as dessert—

- ¾ cup milk
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup shortening (part butter adds flavor)
- 2 cakes fresh yeast
- 1 well-beaten egg
- 3¼ cups to 3½ cups enriched flour

Scald milk; pour over sugar, salt, and shortening in mixing bowl. Stir, and let stand until lukewarm. Crumble yeast into mixture; stir until yeast is dissolved. Stir in egg. Add flour; mix thoroughly with hand. Turn dough onto floured board. Knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; cover with damp cloth, and let rise in warm place (82°) until double in bulk, about 1½ hours. Punch down. Let rise again until almost double, about 40 minutes. Punch down. Roll dough on floured surface into oblong, 6x24 inches. Spread surface with 2 tablespoons soft butter. Sprinkle lower half of dough with mixture of 3 tablespoons sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon.

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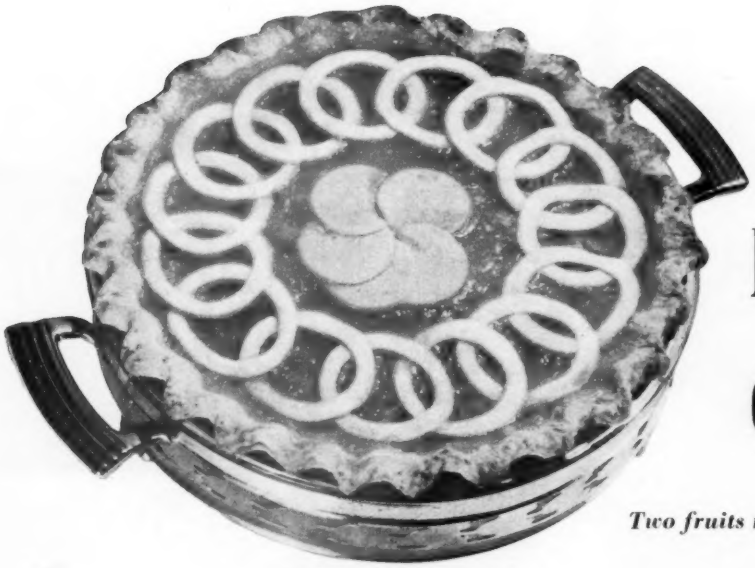

New pies with double flavors

Two fruits make these taste twice as good

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Pineapple-Apricot Pie

Plan to serve this right at the table so everyone can see your masterpiece. Filling's canned apricot halves and crushed pineapple. Top's made by overlapping pastry rings, cut with biscuit cutters, around outside and pastry circles in center

Peach-Orange Pie →

A sunshine filling of fresh orange sections and canned sliced peaches gives pie its delicious flavor. You only need pastry enough for bottom crust. There will be enough leftover pastry to cut narrow strips for this easy picture-window top

Grape and Red Raspberry Pie

This colorful fruit pie makes a luscious dessert any month of the year. In the winter you go to the freezer and the canned-foods shelf for the ingredients. In the summer you use fresh fruit. Trim on the rim of the pie is made by folding the top crust under the bottom and pressing with handle of a knife

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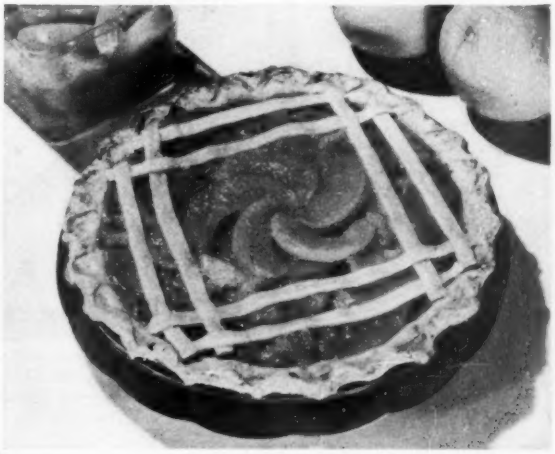

If you're looking for an extra-special treat, try one of these two-fruit pies. The fillings are delicious new combinations—pineapple-apricot, grape and red raspberry, peach-orange. Take your pick of the three or give each a trial. Each calls for fruits you can buy at your grocer's now—fresh, frozen, or canned.

If you want to short-cut mixing time, buy a package of pastry mix. Or you can use your favorite recipe for plain pastry. Go easy when you add the water and handle the dough lightly, so you'll have a flaky, tender crust.

Check the pictures for new ways to trim the tops of your fruit pies. They have ideas for two different window tops to show off the bright fruit, and a new crimp for the rim of the pie.

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WARNING—

Wrecking crew at work!

Maybe your kid isn't as bad as the one-man gang above, but he probably does thoughtless damage at times. Here's how you can teach him to respect property—yours and other people's

By C. Howard Smith

The manager of a neighborhood theater was jolted out of his usual office routine one Saturday afternoon by an emergency call from the projection room.

"Some kids are raising the dickens in the balcony washroom," the operator warned him.

Fifteen minutes later he was back in his office writing a report of the damage. Across the desk from him sat two bewildered brothers, 11-year-old Jimmy and 8-year-old Harry. When he had finished writing, he reached for the phone.

"Well, boys," he asked, "what do you think your parents are going to say when they find out what you've just done?"

The boys gulped. They weren't sure what Mom and Dad would say. So they sat and worried.

Like every parent, you want your youngsters to treat other people's things *at least* as well if they were their own. And you want to do what you can to spare them the embarrassment that came to little Jimmy and Harry just because they couldn't see the difference between *use* and *abuse* of a public lavatory.

To get the difference across to your children, you have to teach them, even when they're quite small, to take care of the possessions in your own home—your curtains, rugs, furniture, for example. Later, they must learn from you some right ideas about managing their own things—their toys, clothing, pencils, and books.

First of all, make up your mind that your Johnny and Mary are bound to be responsible for a certain amount of damage. It is the natural heritage of childhood. You find it in their love of punching bags, wrestling, and playing cowboys and Indians.

The boys' experience with the lavatory, for example, is no sign they are abnormally mean. It is more likely an indication of the adventurous spirit that all kids of their ages feel. They're born to be inquisitive about things that you and I take for granted. So, they want to tear them apart just to see how they work or to find out what's inside.

One result of their frisky natures, of course, is that kids are usually more mature in body than in mind. As a result, you need to remember that in many of their youthful contacts with the physical world, they will frequently show faulty judgment. So, you must channel their energies accordingly.

Without guidance, they frequently manage to do the wrong thing. For example, the spirit with which your little Johnny approaches one of the household appliances will be one of innocence and confidence. But if he has an adult's *determination*, keep in mind that he also has a *child's wisdom*. So, he turns a screw here, pulls a lever there, and almost before you know it, your electric [*Turn to next page*

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Warning—wrecking crew at work

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toaster is no longer of any use to you.

Of course, part of a child's difficulty in keeping things in one piece may simply result from his having no idea of their value when they are whole. For instance, when 10-year-old Billy, who likes to whittle, returned a borrowed paring knife with a broken blade, he came up with "Hey, you got another knife?"

His question shows two things right off about his attitude toward property. First, he saw in the knife only a means of whittling. He attached no real worth to it, and so he didn't feel that he had done any damage when he snapped it in two. Second, since he is a little vague on the value of his own family's possessions, he is likely someday to become deliberately careless about other people's property.

To help your children learn something about value, you need to let them know early in life that possession of anything is made possible through what you, as parents, do for them. Explain that when they lose or destroy something, you must repeat the effort that made the article possible for them in the first place. You'll want to make clear to them the basic facts about family income and routine household expenses. This will help them to see just where the comforts of a home with light, heat, water, chairs, and tables come from. Then, later, they will understand and respect the effort that makes possible such public property as swimming pools, parks, schools, and playgrounds.

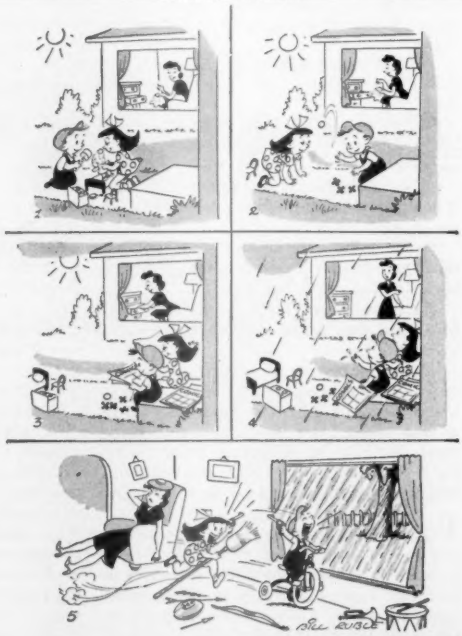
Also, you can lessen the likelihood of damage to things around your home, if you will give your children a little training in how they work, what their uses are, and where they may be used.

Let's go back to Billy the whittler for a minute. In his case, an inexpensive pocketknife (instead of a paring knife) and a patient explanation from you on its proper use will go a long way toward curbing destructive tendencies. An honest explanation to little Billy of what's right and wrong about the way he handles a knife is of the utmost importance. You just can't take for granted that youngsters instinctively know not to carve their initials on school desks. Or that a baseball has no place in your living room. Or that a drum cannot be used as a stool to reach the sticks.

You need to consider a child's age, sex, natural interests, and physical development when you give him things to manage as his own. Be sure that he is mentally and physically ready to meet the responsibilities of owning such items as knives and baseballs. A few experiments will help you to determine your child's readiness to adjust.

When a child damages something by breaking it or knocking it over, you need to take into consideration that he may not be in perfect health. The tendency to break things goes a little deeper than mere ignorance of use or value.

The Painters' 5-year-old daughter, Janice, seemed to ruin everything she touched. Her parents practically despaired of ever getting her to eat without tipping her



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glass over or knocking her cup to the floor. As a preventive measure, they tried denying her dessert when she spilled her food. The results were the same. Finally, a friend suggested seeing a doctor. In a routine examination of her eyes, he discovered that she was far-sighted. After an oculist had fitted her with glasses, she quickly learned to judge correctly the distance between her hands and the objects in her everyday life.

If you should find that your child is handicapped in some way, be ready to give him lots of help and advice in such ordinary things as the way he handles his food and clothing. You should not expect a nervous boy or girl, or one who has poor vision or hearing deficiencies, for example, to keep things under prefect control. Also, keep in mind that children who mature rapidly are often somewhat awkward because of their lack of muscular coordination. They often seem to be all hands and feet, and their fingers turn into thumbs. Keep them away from fragile bric-a-brac and things with sharp edges and complicated mechanisms. And be sure to check with your doctor to find out what's best for them in the matter of rest, diet, and exercise.

Sometimes, the tendency to be destructive may come suddenly in a child's life, even after he has apparently adjusted to all the twists and turns of the physical world. Emotional pressures can build up inside him that will make him discard, almost without warning, all the principles he has learned about the care of property. The Purbecks' experience with their 12-year-old Bobby is a good example.

After they had moved into a different section of town, they noticed that his sports equipment immediately started showing signs of more than ordinary wear and tear. Then, neighbors began to complain about trampled hedges and broken windows. Was it the neighborhood, the Purbecks asked themselves, or Bobby?

Bobby himself gave the answer in a heart-to-heart talk one evening with his dad. "You got to be like the rest of the fellows when you play with the gang," he explained. "They don't want sissies around who are afraid to take a dare or do anything."

Now Bobby had been obviously trying to achieve status. He wanted to avoid being labeled a new boy who didn't fit. The result was a temporary fling at being the hero who took unusual risks with property and affected a childish indifference to the consequences.

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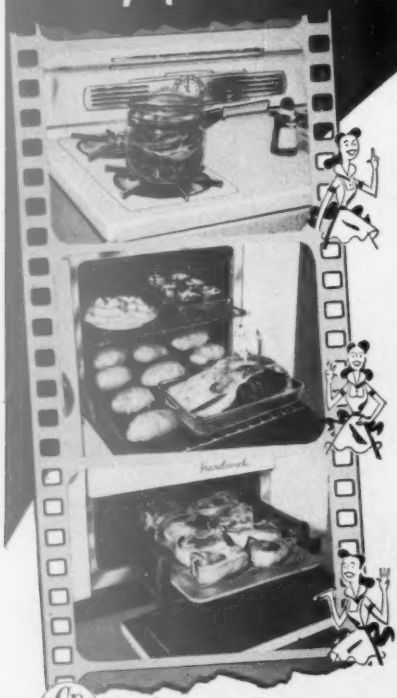

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a hot-dog roast in their back yard. In that way they gave Bobby a chance to become acceptable to his group in a perfectly normal way.

You may need to be on the lookout for the destructive attitude toward property that will appear in childish displays of temper, selfishness, exhibitionism, revenge, jealousy, superiority, and so on. These are negative attitudes, which you should do your best to eliminate.

Try substituting a few creative activities. Organize a hot-dog roast in your back yard, as the Purbecks did. And pal around with your kids in this way to provide them with the companionship and love they instinctively need. You'll have a chance then to get in a few words about the difference between *constructive* and *destructive* attitudes toward property.

Finally, a note or two of caution. Don't overemphasize the value of things to the point where your Johnny and Mary could develop a property-centered personality. They are likely to become unpleasantly possessive, even miserly in a childish sort of way. So you need to prepare them in little ways to realize that they can't and shouldn't want to hold on to their dolls and marbles forever.

When they do break something, as they surely will, keep cool. Flying off the handle and accusing them of being careless will only add to their confusion. Make an all-out effort to be patient and begin quietly to explain to them the situation, as you see it. Then, when you've put the pieces away, you'll be able to offer them some discreet advice about the right and wrong way to handle things. In that way you can be sure of helping them to develop a healthy regard for the public and private property they must use in life.

Omelet art

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- Chopped or shredded fish, meat, poultry, and vegetables may be added. If the amount's small, sprinkle it over the omelet before folding. Be sure it's well seasoned. If you're adding more than 2 or 3 tablespoons, better heat the food first in butter or a small amount of cream or thin cream sauce. Crisp bacon, sausages, and chicken livers are often served on the side. Cooked, diced chicken may be stirred into ingredients before cooking.

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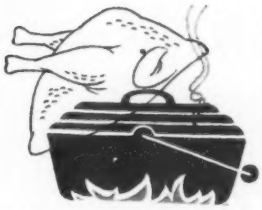

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New pies

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Pineapple-Apricot Pie

½ cup sugar
2 tablespoons enriched flour
2 tablespoons cornstarch
Few grains salt
1 No. 2 can (2 cups) peeled apricot halves, drained
½ cup apricot syrup
½ cup crushed pineapple
1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine
1 recipe Plain Pastry

Mix thoroughly sugar, flour, cornstarch, and salt. Add apricots, apricot syrup, crushed pineapple, and butter. Pour into 9-inch pie shell. Cut piecrust rounds with 2¼-inch biscuit cutter; then cut center out of each round with 1¼-inch biscuit cutter. Place overlapping circles around outer edge of pie, and arrange 5 of the 1¼-inch rounds in center. Bake in hot oven (425°) 15 minutes, then in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 35 minutes.

Peach-Orange Pie

1 No. 2½ can (2½ cups) sliced peaches, drained
½ cup orange sections, cut
½ cup sugar
2 tablespoons enriched flour
2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
½ recipe Plain Pastry

Place peaches and cut orange sections in bowl; mix sugar and flour thoroughly and pour over fruit. Dot with butter. Turn into unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Crisscross leftover strips of pastry on top. (See photographs, page 119.) Bake in hot oven (425°) 15 minutes, then in moderate oven (350°) 35 to 40 minutes.

Grape and Red Raspberry Pie

½ cup sugar
3 tablespoons enriched flour
2 packages (1¾ cups) frozen red raspberries, drained
1 No. 1 can (1¾ cups) seedless grapes
2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
1 recipe Plain Pastry

Mix sugar and flour thoroughly. Combine with fruit. Dot with butter and mix. Turn mixture into unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Cover with top crust. Bake in hot oven (425°) 15 minutes, then in moderate oven (350°) 25 to 30 minutes.

Plain Pastry

1½ cups enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
4 to 5 tablespoons cold water

Sift flour and salt; add shortening. Cut in with pastry-blender or blending fork till pieces are size of small peas. Add cold water by teaspoonfuls, tossing with fork till mixture is barely dampened. Turn onto waxed paper. Gather up corners, pressing from outside to form compact ball. Divide for lower and upper crust. Chill for easier handling.

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Here's a room to be lived in

By Elizabeth Shenley

The informal living-dining room in the William Cottle home is a lesson in simplicity. Decorator Helen Logan used a warm color scheme of gold, red, and brown to bring together Modern sofas and Early American tables and chairs in pine.

The result is a room that has the comfort and clean-cut features of Modern, and the mellow atmosphere that old-time treasures always give a home.

Wall areas in the room are well defined. There is a large section of pine, then the expanded brick of the fireplace, with the rest of the wall space taken by large built-in bookcases and a long window.

The well-stocked bookshelves beside the sofas and the comfortable chairs are a constant invitation to stop and relax, while the pegged oak floors and pine furniture are fine for games or dancing.

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The rosy tones of used brick in the fireplace blend with the red-and-beige chints of the old Boston rocker and the easy chair. The scatter rug is as long as the hearth—big enough to hold its own, with no "floating-island look." The plank floor is stained a dark brown, which adds to the restful atmosphere of the room. This room is fine for play or just plain relaxing

Right-angle arrangement of the Modern cocoa-brown sofas gives maximum seating in the available space. Gold casement curtains, topped with a valance of chintz matching that used for the lamp shade, cover the long Modern window wall. The pine drop-leaf table, large, round braided rug in shades of olive green, red, and brown, and the red-and-beige chintz lamp shade add an Early American feeling to the room

Convenient pass-through to the kitchen makes impromptu meals easy to serve. The chair pads and flounces are gold-and-red chintz and match the odd pillows on large sofas at the other end of the room. The old dough box that serves as a chair-side table, is perfectly at home with the pine of the walls and the practical pegged plank floor

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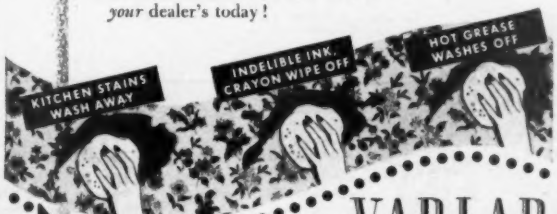

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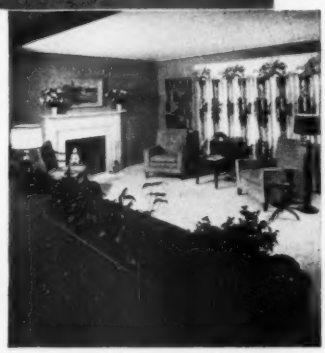
Adjoining living and dining rooms seem bigger, more inviting, because this plant-counter partial wall doesn't cut your view between rooms. Counter is high enough to back a sofa



From the dining-room side of the counter, you can see how it divides the area, lets each room keep its identity. Grace Herbst, decorator

Partial walls

divide room space and save the spaciousness

Would you like to separate your living-dining room? Or screen the front door from your living room?

Then count on a partial wall—a bookshelf, closet, plant counter, or wall jog—to divide big rooms without cutting them into crowded-looking cubicles.

A partial wall can be low enough to let you enjoy the spaciousness of one big room, high enough to give you the coziness (even the privacy) of smaller ones.

Here are two plant-counter partial walls. On page 130, you'll find bookshelf partial walls. One may solve your problem.

Entrance hall can be screened from the living room without walling either of them into cramped cubicles—if you choose a low plant counter like this as partial wall. Foliage in metal-lined containers adds a green note

More on next page

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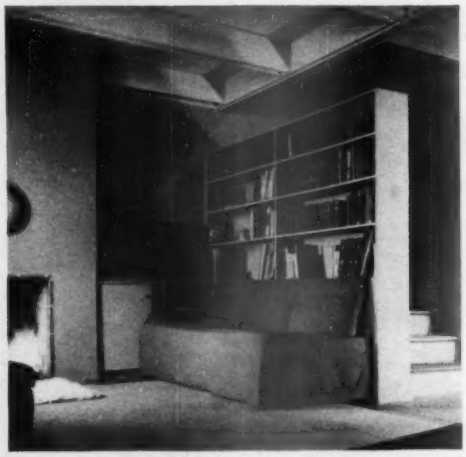
Partial walls *Begins on preceding page*

Bookshelves divide room space, too



Screen off living-room stairs completely with an extra-tall bookshelf partial wall. Generous width makes the bookshelf first-rate background for furniture. Shelves are less than ceiling-high to light stairs

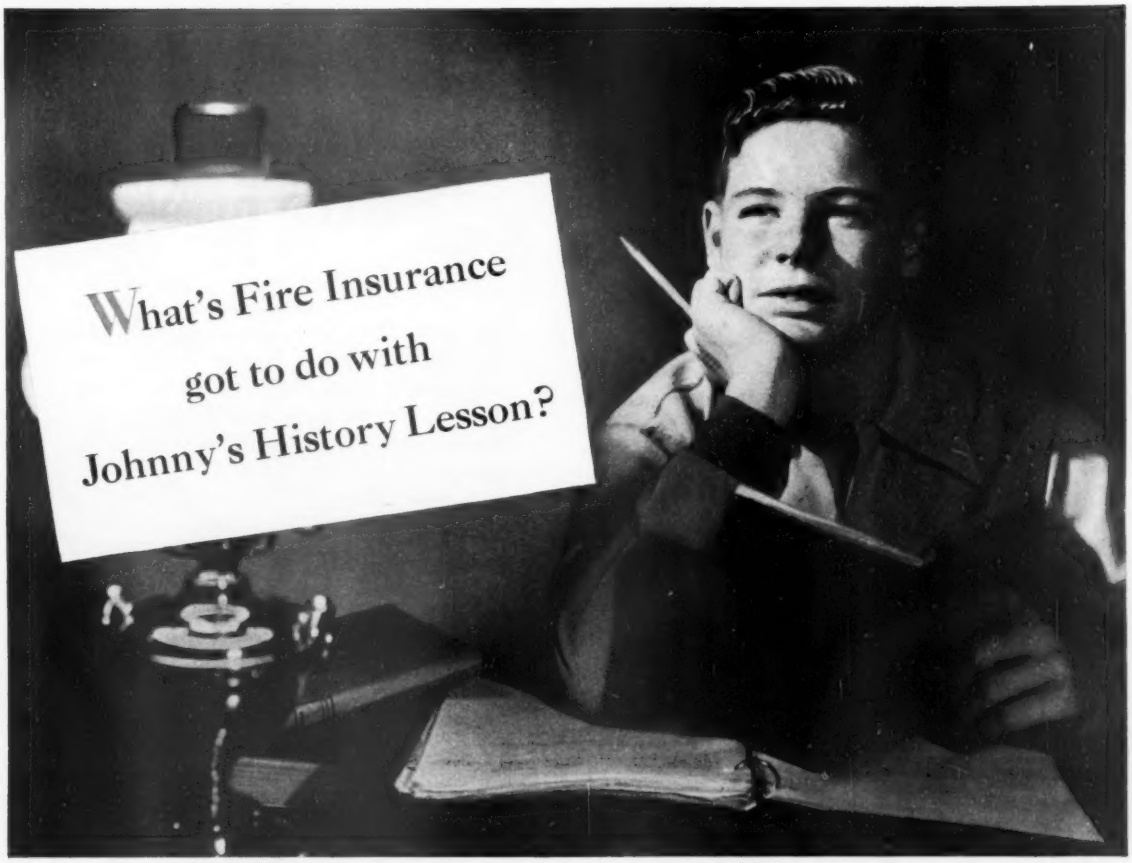
If you have one big room that would serve you better as two smaller rooms, partial walls will divide the space for you.

And if you turn bookshelves at right angles to the wall and use them as partial walls—you'll get extra storage space to boot.

The height of the bookshelf partial wall will depend on its use, your needs. A low wall that doesn't cut your view between "rooms" is a wise choice for a small home. A taller wall spells more storage and complete privacy in each "room."

As you study these bookshelf partial walls, see if you could use a similar one in your home.

Keep that open feeling between your living room and hall by using a low partial wall to separate them. This bookshelf wall, for example, reaches halfway to the ceiling. There's lots of storage space on the hall side of this wall



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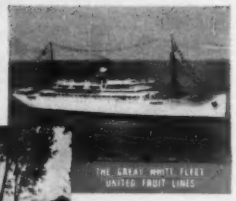
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Rover's Roost

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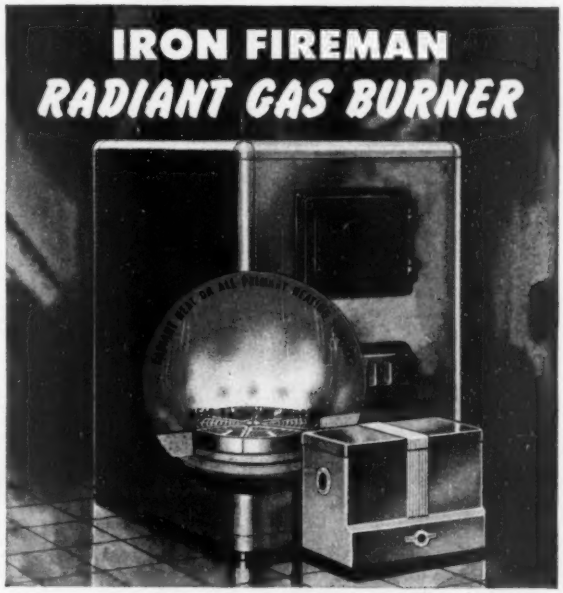

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Step up to hang draperies. Lightweight magnesium ladder has nonskid grooved steps. Easy to store, too. Ladder folds up, stands by itself

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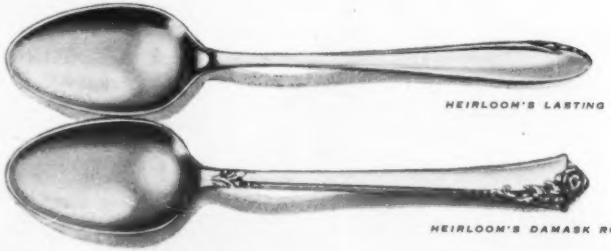

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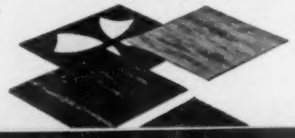

Step up, ladies!

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Step up and wash up, young man! Two-step stool is maple finish with a Humpty Dumpty design. It's lightweight, has cut-out handles, so it's easy for the youngsters to carry

Step up and bring those walls within easy reach when you're spring house cleaning. Handy metal ladder has folding tray to put cleaning needs at your finger tips. You can use the ladder indoors or out. It's sturdy and lightweight, easy to carry, folds up for compact storage. Nonskid steps and rubber-tipped legs keep both you and the ladder from sliding

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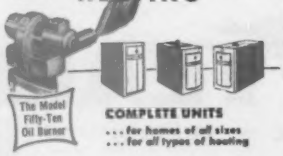

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I'm at home on Heron Hook

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would he offer one to compete with the Olympic Mountains on the horizon.

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My answer to the first question was that I wanted a shelter from the weather, but that I never wanted to *feel* indoors. I wanted to live with the water, the mountains, and the woods through all the changing seasons of the year.

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←This pass-through from kitchen to living-dining room was only one of many good ideas Mr. Prichard had. Cabinets are gray; counter is yellow linoleum

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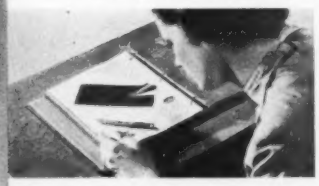

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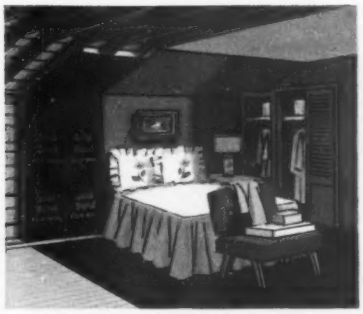

1. Here's the girl's bedroom at left from start to finish. See how Gold Bond Rock Wool Insulation is used in the walls and ceilings before nailing up the panels of fireproof Gold Bond Gypsum Wallboard.

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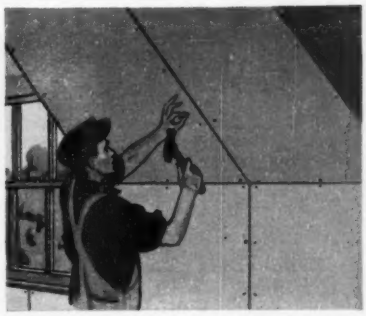

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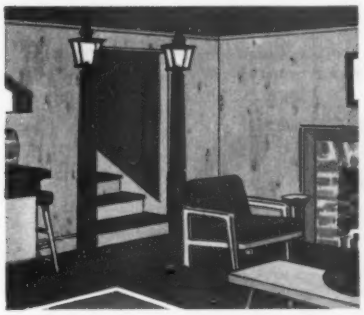

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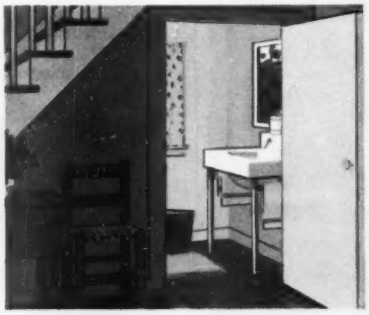
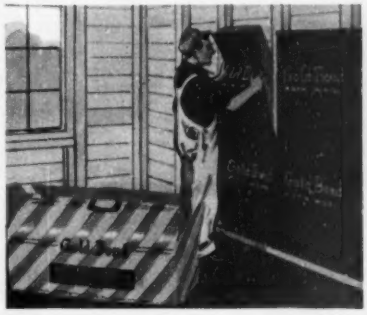


5. You've always wanted a handy powder room downstairs for the children and guests. It's easy to build under the stairway or at the end of that too-long coat closet with fireproof Gold Bond Gypsum Wallboard.



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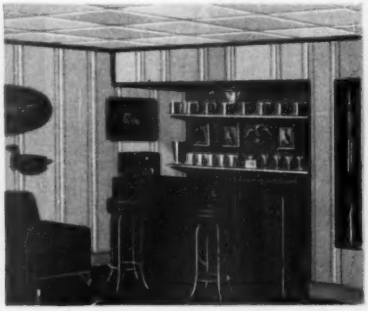

8. Want to have more fun entertaining at home? Partition off a recreation room with low-cost Gold Bond Insulation Board. Planks on wall and tiles on ceiling make a cozy party atmosphere as smart as any night club.

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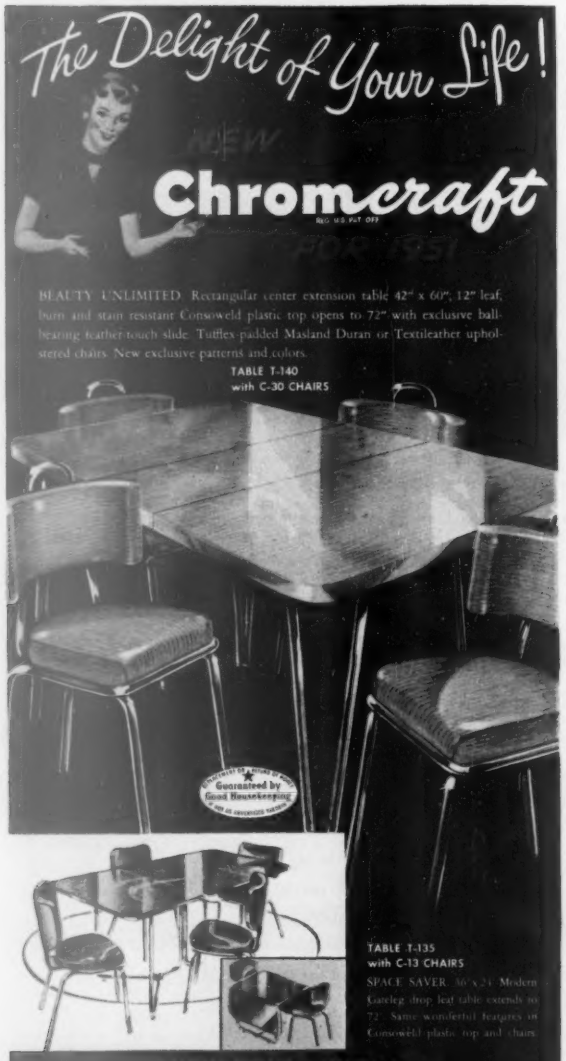

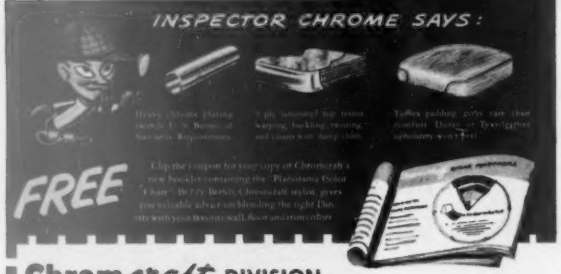

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There'll be many jobs your youngster will be able to do as a grownup, but few he'll really enjoy. Expert guidance will help him select the work he'll like best.

By Frank Reichstein

What will become of your youngster when he steps out on his own in the adult world? If you could read his mind now, you would find it cluttered with flaming ambitions—coupled with indecision. Like most parents, you want him to enjoy a better life than you have known.

What can you do to help him choose? Is there anything you can do to insure his success once he has made his decision about the kind of work he wants to do?

If your boy or girl is under junior-high-school age, the best way you can help prepare him for any vocation is to bring him up normally. By letting him associate with other children his own age, you can be sure he won't be handicapped as a shy, retiring adult.

But if your child is of junior-high-school age or older, prepare to add a new word to your vocabulary. Have you

Youngster compares sets of almost-identical pictures, decides which one in each pair is better. High score is sign she'd do well in art fields

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ever heard of a "psychometrician"? He deals in psychometrics, the measure of human abilities and qualities. A psychometrician is more familiarly known as a vocational counselor.

As early as the seventh grade, counselors often find clues to what a youngster may best do in later life. They find out more when he enters high school and even more in college.

But what becomes of *your* child may rest largely in your hands. You can help "bend" him in the right direction.

You may start by meeting his counselor. The counselor will probably tell you to watch Johnny's report cards to determine what studies he does best in. They may be tips to his future. Then, when it comes time for Johnny to choose advanced subjects, you can help with intelligent suggestions.

Perhaps he has a talent for mechanical things and wants to become a turret-lathe operator? But you're determined that he shall follow your footsteps and study for a law degree. Rule No. 1: Do not push a youngster beyond his limits. A push in the wrong direction may turn your child into an unhappy, frustrated, irritable individual capable of doing nothing well!

You will find in your visit to the counselor that he works slowly and lets the child analyze himself. In the end, it is the child who chooses his own vocation. The counselor can only suggest, and your role is likewise limited to one of indirect help.

How does it work? The counselor is not a magician. Nor is he the "adviser" whom you probably recall in school. The adviser of yesteryear was part truant officer and spent much of his time asking: "Where were you yesterday?" The counselor will frankly admit that his system is not infallible. But it's better than having your youngster find his place by luck and accident. [*Turn to page 302*

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It's time for a chimney checkup

If you spot those crumbling mortar joints and cracked caps in time, you can fix them yourself. And a chimney kept in good repair may never need rebuilding

By E. R. Haan

Your chimney has enemies inside and out. It's subjected to the forces of alternate heating and cooling, the destructive gases of combustion, the ravages of weather. No wonder, then, that mortar joints crumble and bricks get loose.

Take time to inspect your chimney at close range. Water that gets into cracks and freezes is especially destructive. But with periodic inspection, chances are only some tuck pointing will be required—replacing loose mortar at joints. That is a job you can do yourself. It may postpone indefinitely a costly rebuilding project.

Start checking at chimney cap. It may be cracked, or there may be an open joint between crack and extending flue. Both let water into brickwork below. White efflorescent stains on bricks below cap may indicate cap is not watertight.

Should you find a loose brick, remove it carefully. Chip off the old mortar, and soak brick with water. Soak sides of cavity, too. Then use enough new mortar to ooze out when the brick is pressed back in place.

Inspection. This chimney seemed in good shape. But light probing revealed hazardous defects. Only hairline cracks were visible in cap, but it was cracked through. It had pulled loose from bricks. When cap was removed, loose bricks were found. Many other joints needed tuck pointing

Cleaning joints. If joints need tuck pointing, scrape out loose mortar. Use old screwdriver. Take care not to damage sound mortar. Carefully check joints where roof flashing is inserted; that is where leaks might develop. After scraping, brush joints clean. Watch for any loose bricks

Soaking. Never apply mortar to dry bricks; absorption of water gives weak joint. Soak bricks well. Use ready-mixed mortar, or mix your own, 1 part cement to 3 parts sand. Add just enough water so mix is quite stiff. Keep the batch small

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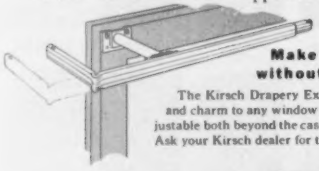

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Gain space with shelves

Use these five ideas to put those wasted wall areas to work for you

Maximum use of the available space is attractively accomplished here by grouping two inviting chairs and a reading lamp in front of a built-in bookcase. You can easily adapt this same idea for use near any stairway that cuts into a room, leaving you only limited wall space

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This kitchen shelf arrangement in the J. Wright Brown home, Pasadena, is both decorative and practical. The old rocker close by gives the man of the house his own out-of-the-way corner in the kitchen

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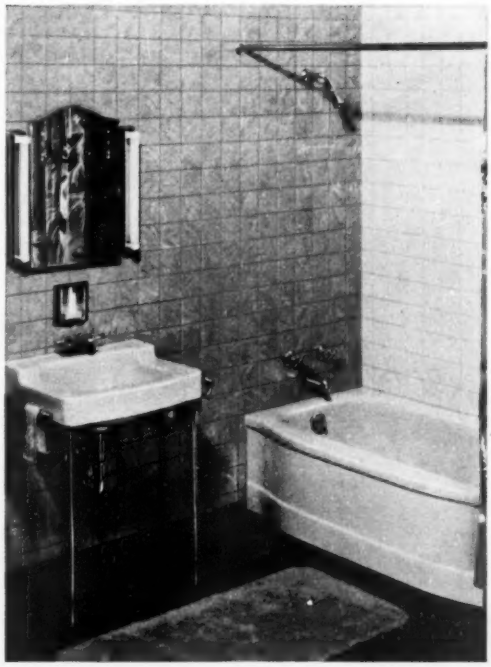

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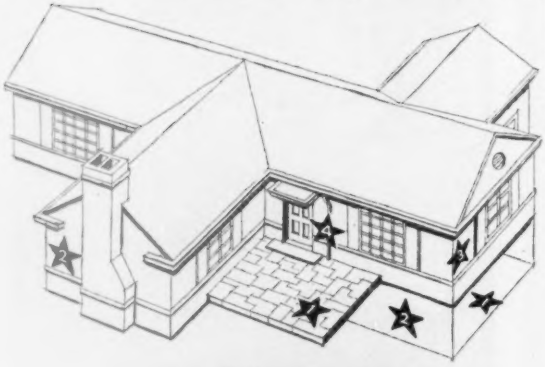

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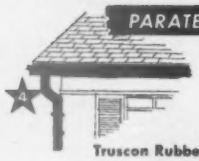

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This well-lighted corner makes a small-space study. Drop-leaf table opens out to give man-size working room. William V. Stone, decorator. The home of Harvin Moore, Houston

The Charles K. Freemans, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, have several low-cost ideas in one built-in. There's ample space for a large book collection. Space for magazines was left at easily accessible area directly above couch. Terra-cotta burlap lines the large bookshelves

What woman wouldn't like to have an area like this one in the Dick Price home, Dallas, Texas? Cook books, telephone, and communications box are handy for running the house

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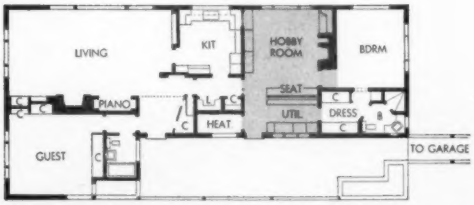
As useful as its storage space

Remember "Built-ins by the dozen" last month? Here are more ideas from the Boileau house, all concentrated in the family room

By Elizabeth Gilrain

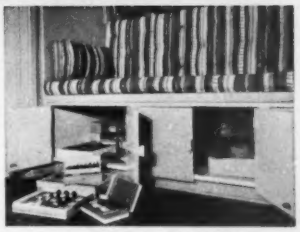


Pictures here and on page 155 show the areas shaded on plan

Photographs: de Gennaro

Trouble with many family rooms is that they serve only as rumpus rooms. This one combines play and work. When company comes, fireplace is ideal for grilling hamburgers. Hearth is raised 28 inches off floor, projects out to double as handy serving counter

Built-in couch divides living end from utility end of the room, so that Helen Boileau can stretch out in comfort during washings. Plants trailing up criss-crossed copper wires grow out of pots set in recessed copper container extending length of couch. Floor is concrete with rich brown worked into mix



↑ Cabinet under seat on the living side stores the hobby equipment—paints, stencils, knives, copper, and sewing supplies. "If we did the job over," says Mrs. Boileau," we would allow more recessed space under the couch, so it wouldn't be marked up by our heels"

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Fireside desk has slots designed for paper, postals, file cards, envelopes, and a drawer for 3x5 cards. Typewriter on pull-out board is covered by let-down door designed to look like a drawer

Next month study the storage in the Boileau's kitchen

More photographs on page 155

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Gown by Claire McCardell

As useful as its storage space

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Laundry equipment hides under a hinged counter top that swings up in two sections. Bracket for holding drapery out of way pivots against the wall when not in use. Towel roll is attached to underside of cover where it's needed most. Says Helen Boileau: "When Burdette is grimy, he often washes up here instead of dirtying the bathroom"

Cabinet behind the seat on the utility-room side is for flower arrangement. All three shelves are shallow. Here the Boileaus keep figurines, frogs, candles, rocks, and clippers. Opposite the laundry tub, they keep soap, starch, and polishes. Third section contains wrapping paper, balls of twine, and tools for minor household jobs

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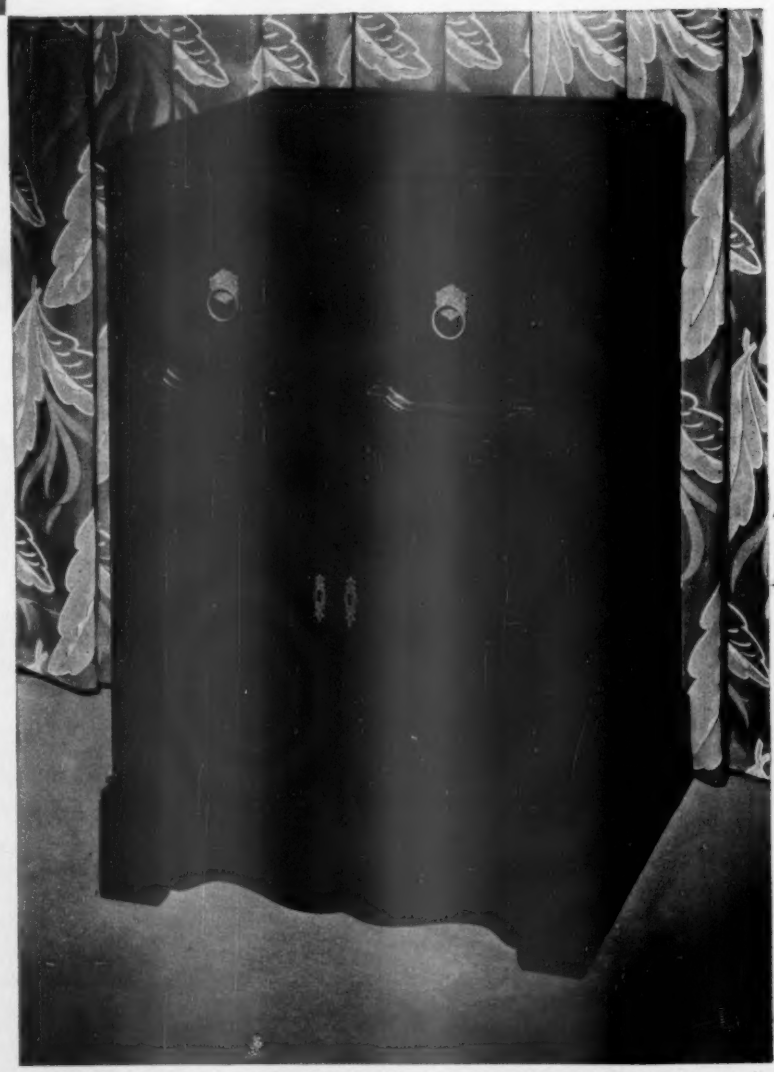

The CAPEHART "Virginian." Deeply paneled doors highlight a rich mahogany veneer Chippendale cabinet. Big direct view rectangular tube for picture synchronized with Capehart Symphonic-Tone. Also available in Bisque Finish.

The chair that stays young

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The chair comes dressed in a textured cover with moss edging. You can zip on a chintz cover for spring or summer. If you move often, this is the perfect answer to the problem of fitting the furniture you have into different color schemes. The chair is constructed of solid ash dowels

A long slide fastener covering one edge and rounding two corners of the cushion insures a snug-fitting cover that can be removed and changed easily. The inner covering is sturdy muslin that can be used while the cover is being cleaned

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The house on our February cover

SO MANY of you liked the home featured on the cover of our February issue and used to illustrate the editorial entitled, "The Only Sure Way to Get the Home You Want," that we thought you'd like to know who designed and decorated it. Architect of the Godfrey Bell home was Gerard R. Colcord, A. I. A., 275 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Interior decoration was by Renick and Warrick, 600 Funchal Road, West Los Angeles, California.

use Matkins as contrasting napkins with the tablecloth.

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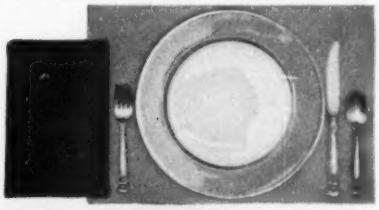
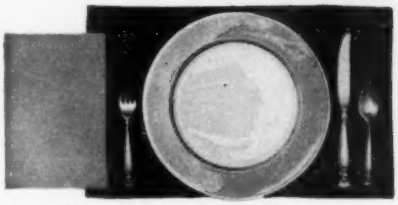


one set of the Matkins as mats, with contrast set used as napkins.



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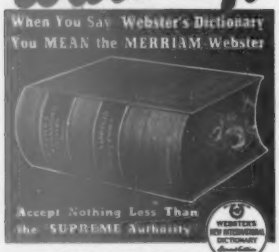

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Two hanging bookshelves tie cove into wall, free scarce lower wall space for furniture. Cypress of walls and ceiling, and stone of floor and fireplace give room a refined rustic air in keeping with woodsy setting of house. Glass doors (top picture) slide open

Compact kitchen is lighted directly by a glass wall (behind you), indirectly from dining area. Window at right lets light filter through to basement stairway below. Linen, silver, china, and glass are stored in shallow wall space in the dining area and hall

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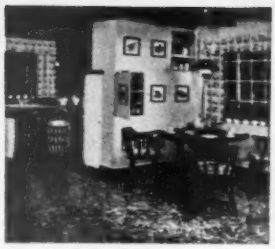

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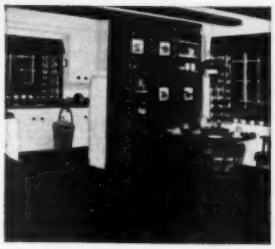
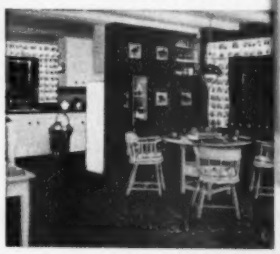


Colonial Blue and Spred SATIN Confetti Yellow combine to give a third beautiful color scheme for this unusual room. Accents: Japalac Enamel, Florenamel.*



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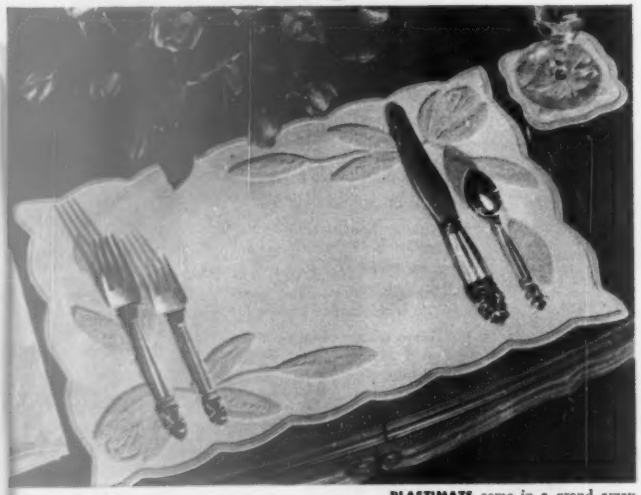

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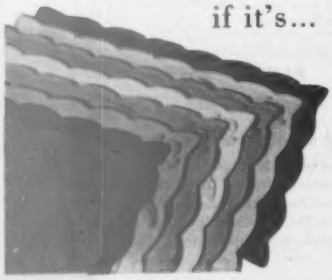

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—every day

By Ann Fitzpatrick

Set off by a white plaster wall, early Delft plates add interest to a former transom in the home of the Raymond B. Hulls, Dayton, Ohio

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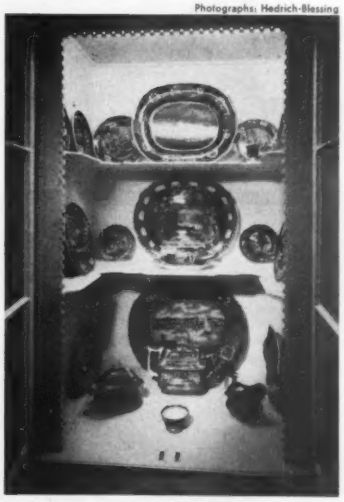

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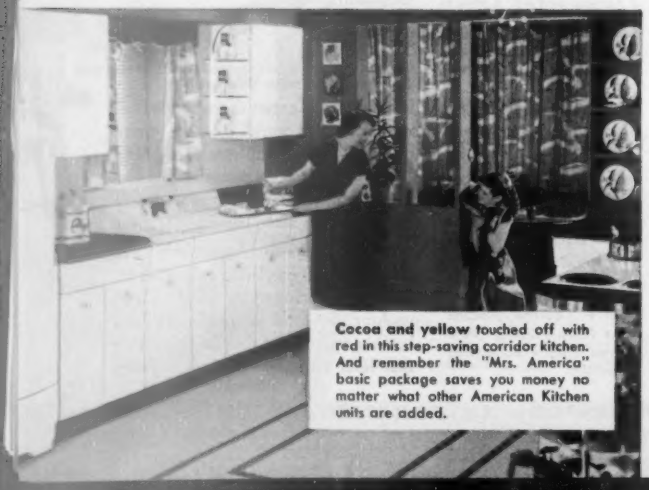

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Let them drive—or stay alive?

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Betty Howard had picked out her graduation present herself—a gold wristwatch.*

A head was on the roadside, a body in the car.

Billy Nelson had suggested they all go out to Patty Sue Stassen's house for coffee.

A piece of jawbone was found in the ash tray on the back of the front seat.

Ted Franklin had just finished 2½ years in the Navy.

A pair of roller skates, festooned with flesh, was found in the back seat.

Norma Jane Parker had decided to wear her red shoes.

A blood-soaked schoolbook, *Economics in Everyday Life*, lay on the bed of the truck.

David Welch had come from the next town to see his cousin Bernie Glassford graduate.

Bernie Glassford was the driver. He had played the lead in the junior class play the year before. The name of the play was *Teen Troubles*.

What about it, Father? What about it, Mother? Do you want to deplore the killing—and then send your Betty, your Billy, your David, out to be killed tonight? Or do you want to stop it—in your own home—*tonight?*

Perhaps you have a bridge game tonight. Perhaps your Norma Jane or your Bernie has a date. Perhaps you'll do something about it tomorrow. But *tonight* your children will die.

All the stores in the Midwestern town we mentioned closed from 3 to 4 for the mass funeral. Do you think the parents of those six youngsters loved them less than you love yours?

What about it, parents? Will you face the facts?

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Some children—and youngsters are sometimes children when they're past 21—should never drive a car under any conditions. Most children 16 or older should only drive a car under certain conditions. And some children—some very few—should be allowed to drive under any conditions.

What kind of youngster do you have?

Let's look at some human traits that will help you face up to the question.

Recklessness. Is your boy (or girl) "impetuous," "a little wild?" Is he the kind that "takes a dare?" A bit of a "show-off"—in or out of a car? A bit of a "grandstander" in sports? A bit of a braggart about clothes, grades, money, friends?

Carelessness. Is your boy (or girl) the absent-minded type that doesn't keep his room tidy, forgets appointments, comes home late from errands (or brings the wrong article), gets names, dates, places mixed up, doesn't pay much attention to the condition of his or other people's belongings, likes to eat, sleep, study erratically?

Secretiveness. Does he (or she) keep things from you, stretch the truth, dodge responsibility for his or her acts, "clam up" when you want to know where he or she has been, and with whom?

Affability. Does he (or she) "take up" easily with people? Make new friends fast? Go to great lengths to be popular? Tend to "fall for" superficial qualities—glamour, money, athletic prowess—in his contemporaries? If so, what do you think, specifically, and one by one, of the kind of company your child keeps? Judge each of your child's companions by the same criteria you use to judge your child, and

*The events are real. The names are disguised.

Send for a Good-driving Agreement

More than 85,000 requests were received for the "Man-to-Man" or "Father-and-Daughter" good-driving agreements when *Better Homes & Gardens* first offered them free last November. An additional supply has been obtained, and you can get copies by writing *Better Homes & Gardens*, Department 6604, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

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judge your child—at least in part—accordingly.

Inconsideration. Does he (or she) interrupt conversation, push ahead of others in a group, neglect to help elderly people, invalids, or small children, trip over a misplaced chair and leave it for someone else to trip over, race out to play without finding out whether Mother or Father wants something done around the house?

Aggressiveness. The *unusually* aggressive child is *usually* aggressive because of a deep sense of inferiority. Aggressiveness, inconsideration, and recklessness are frequently found together. Does your child tend to pick quarrels over possessions of portions of food, or a seat at a show or in a car or a game? Does he (or she) insist upon his or her "rights," show a "stubborn streak," make demands without regard for the good of others or of the group?

Brilliance. Good driving—safe driving—has *nothing* to do with high intelligence. Brilliance is irrelevant. It isn't a mind behind the wheel, but a body under *ordinarily intelligent, emotional* control.

Awkwardness. Is your child (he or she) below the average in ordinary co-ordination, in the handling of dishes, oars, sports equipment, tools, and machinery of any kind?

Physical deficiency. Physical deficiency is not necessarily a handicap to driving, and is, contrarily, often conducive to cautiousness. But ignorance of the condition is dangerous (such as nearsightedness, "night blindness," and so on), and the effort to ignore or conceal it (by not wearing glasses or other compensatory apparatus) is extremely dangerous. Is your child physically fit to drive?

"Girl-craziness" or *"boy-craziness."* Is your boy or girl *inordinately* moonstruck? Nearly every youngster is, at some period, and what, pray tell, would life be like if they weren't? But one-armed driving is one of Death's best friends. The soulful gaze is another—when one of the gazers is behind the wheel. Even animated conversation—anything that distracts a driver from the deadly danger of driving—is an invitation to die.

These are some—but only some—of the danger signals. They are not necessarily vices, or serious faults. Some of them are lovable, some forgivable. But each of them can spell highway death for the child you'd give your life for.

Are you willing—tonight—to perform the hardest of all parental duties? Are you willing *to face the facts* about your youngster?

Make your decision tonight—on the spot. And don't call your Norma Jane or your Bill in until you've made it. There is nothing to argue; there is something to judge. And you, if you will take off the rose-colored glasses that loving parents wear, are the best judges. Norma Jane and Bill are the worst.

Make it, "Yes," or, "No," or, "Under certain conditions." In most instances, the decision will be, "Under certain conditions." But decide the conditions clearly, fix them firmly, and *never* relax them.

Whether your child is a boy or girl, remember that most teen-age highway deaths are suffered by passengers. There is almost always one—and usually more than one—youngster in the car besides the driver. No question is more important than, "Who's driving?" If you ever let your boy or girl *ride* in an automobile without knowing who's driving, you are courting death for the person you love most.

Does your Betty have a date? Do you know the boy? Do you know what kind of boy he is? Do you know what kind of driver he is? Bernie, who drove the death car the night of his high-school graduation, was a good boy, but everybody knew how proud he was of the speed he got out of his father's car. Everybody knew he had been fined for speeding. Everybody knew that he claimed to have driven the 10 miles west of town—curves and all—in 10 minutes flat. Everybody knew—or should have known. The parents of the girl who had a date with him should have made it their business to know.

Does your Betty have a date with a Bernie? Is he a little reckless, a little speed-crazy? Pick up that telephone, Father, and call Bernie's dad. Tell him that Betty can't go out with Bernie in Bernie's car. Tell him how much you like Bernie, *but tell him that Betty can't go out with Bernie in Bernie's car.* Betty won't like it. Bernie won't like it. Maybe Bernie's father won't like it. But Betty will come home alive, and so will Bernie, and, after he's thought it over and heard it often enough, Bernie's father will like it. And he and you and Betty may succeed that way in changing Bernie's driving habits.

The likelihood of a boy's having an accident at the wheel is infinitely greater than a girl's. In one exhaustive study of teen-age drivers, conducted jointly by the Cleveland Board of Education, Police Department, and Automobile Club, with the assistance of the Ohio Motor Vehicle Department, it was found that 10.4 percent of the boys studied had accidents, only 1.4 percent of the girls. The girls, of course, had done less driving than the boys, but the common-sense fact remains that aggressiveness and dare-devilry are characteristic traits of the male. If your youngster is a girl, she may be demure, complaisant, and admiring—and that's bad medicine for the boy at the wheel. If your youngster's a boy, he may be normally cocky—and cockiness is the surest road of all to the morgue.

Whatever your decision—unless you have one of those rare youngsters so steady, so sportsmanlike, so attentive, and so thoroughly self-

"But, darling, suppose you were sick in bed. Would you want Uncle Max to wind you up and down?"

disciplined that your decision is an unqualified "yes"—you may expect your boy or girl to object, loudly, plaintively, angrily. Tears will flow—*but it's tears now or blood later*. Tears flowed when they were 5 and wanted a knife, when they were 6 and wanted a two-wheeler, when they were 7 and wanted to swim in the breakers. Tears flowed—and here are your teen-agers, happy, healthy, and alive.

Your teen-agers will tell you that they can't get places without a car. You will tell them about your parents or grandparents who got places without a car. They will tell you that they won't have dates or friends if they don't drive or ride. You will tell them that they won't have dates or friends if they're dead. They will tell you that "all the other kids" are allowed to drive any time or ride anywhere with anyone. You will tell them—good heavens, Mother and Father, you know what to tell them about "all the other kids."

The word, mothers and fathers, is, "No."

Have you forgotten how to say it?

Speed is the brightest word in the bright lexicon of youth, and the greatest highway killer is speed. Not alcohol, not mechanical defects, not physical handicaps, but speed. Forty-five percent of all automobile fatalities in 1949 were caused by speed.

Speed, the darling of youth, is its killer. It takes less than 60 seconds to accelerate a modern car from 0 to 75 miles an hour. On a dry pavement, it takes 40 feet to stop a car going 20 miles an hour; 128 to stop at 40; 263 to stop at 60; and 439 to stop at 80. At 80 m.p.h. the average driver's "reaction distance"—the distance he travels before he *starts* to apply the brakes—is 88 feet. A toddler runs into the street—and *your* teen-ager kills him.

Your boy or girl will accuse you, when you make your decision, of hard-heartedness, and then, when that accusation falls of its own weight, of "not understanding." There is a simple truth in that. We, who were young, really cannot understand youth, now that we are "old." Youth is wonderfully curious—"how fast will it go?"—and wonderfully cocksure. Youth can do anything. Youth is unafraid, adventurous, optimistic. Youth's perception is quick, its reaction quick—and its cocksureness, therefore, immense. Youth takes a chance, shoots the works, damns the torpedoes.

Sure, youth learns by experience. But the experience of an accident is too costly a teacher. Youth has to learn a lot of things "the hard way." But being killed is not one of them. A youngster might be sobered by having a fatal accident—but he would no longer be alive to be sobered. Youth doesn't concern itself—why should it?—with illness and death. Youth doesn't worry about meeting the bills involved in a not-yet-occurred accident. Youth isn't thinking of savings or security. Why should it? When we elders, preoccupied with the fact that it *can* happen to us, remember that youth's motto is, "It can't happen to me," we begin to understand. And, understanding, we have to be all the more severe, all the more "heartless," in making the decision that means life or death for our children.

Face the facts.

Make the decision.

Make it severely—err, if err you must, on the side of severity.

And stick to it.

Then you can proceed to do all the other things that intelligent parents can do to surround a young driver with safeguards.

When your boy or girl does use the car—especially at night, when most accidents occur—see to it that he or she leaves with plenty of time to spare to reach the destination. One common cause of teen-age accidents is being late, for a date, a show, or a game. See to it that you know *who* your youngster's companions are and *where* they are going. (If you don't enjoy their confidence, don't let them have the car, but don't use the car as a bribe to win their confidence; you won't win it that way.) If they go someplace other than the one they intended to, have them phone you to let you know. Above all, don't put pressure on them to get home at a given minute, and even above that, don't warn them that if they get in late, they will be punished or for-

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bidden future use of the car. If you tell them to drive 30 miles an hour and get in at 11 o'clock, you may discover at a coroner's inquest, that they drove closer to 90 in order to make the 11 o'clock curfew. Appeal to their sense of responsibility, if you can; persuade them to phone you if they are going to be late. If nothing avails, the time has come for that flat, "No."

One element of maturity is pride in safety rather than speed. Instill that pride—the pride of "growing up"—in your youngster. The engineer of the Super Chief is more proud of his safety record than his speed. The captain of the Queen Mary wouldn't think of endangering his ship to make a fast crossing. An airline pilot thinks of nothing *but* safety. "Championship driving isn't reckless driving," says Wilbur Shaw, president of the Indianapolis Speedway. "Reckless drivers are ruled off the track and forbidden to compete. A racing driver who sacrifices safety to speed is a menace to the other drivers. They ostracize him."

Before your youngster drives, he should know how to drive—not how to make an automobile "go." A baby can make one "go," and a fool can make one start and stop—and many do. Learning how to drive means, primarily, learning the rules and good manners of driving, and only secondarily the mechanics. Between you and your youngster on the front seat, and on the dining-room table in the evening, should be a driver's manual. You can get a variety of them from libraries, bookstores, automobile clubs, automobile manufacturers and dealers, state motor vehicle departments, local police departments, or from casualty companies. Not until your youngster has mastered the rules and manners of driving should he or she have the car.

Driving an automobile requires, first and last, *moral knowledge*, the knowledge of the *use* of power. The common term for this kind of knowledge—which is in the heart as much as it is in the head—is "sense of responsibility." Driving an automobile means the dreadful responsibility of driving 60 horses instantly responsive to the touch of a toe. It means the dreadful responsibility for four other drivers—the one in front, the one behind, the one in the next lane, and the one approaching—all of whom may be morally incapable of driving. *And unless youngsters get a sense of responsibility before they are old enough to drive, they are not likely to acquire it behind the wheel.*

Who will decide that your Billy or your Betty has acquired this *moral knowledge?* You, Father, and you, Mother, and only you. But how well do *you* drive? How *responsibly?* Nothing teaches a sense of responsibility like example. Has your youngster seen you nick another car's fender in parking? Has he seen you drive away without notifying the owner that you did it? Has he seen you weave through traffic or pass a car on a hill? Has he seen you exceed the speed limit or run through a red light because "there isn't any traffic this time of night?" Has he seen you pull out of a skid—by good fortune—and pooh-pooh the danger you were in? Has he seen you "beat the gun" when you were late for work?

He has? Then his driving education will be that much harder, and you will not be an effective teacher. If you want to save your youngster's life, you will have to do what it takes to save your own. Have you ever driven after drinking? Does your boy or girl know it—or suspect it? Don't be surprised, then, when that "chip off the old block" behaves like one. Nothing—*nothing*—will save your children's lives if *you* won't. The father and mother who permit their child to drive *or* ride in a "hot-rod" are killers—of other people's children and their own.

There are many good things which, as citizens, parents can campaign for—better law enforcement, modern traffic regulations, stiffer driver's licensing and penalties, more grade separations. Best of all is a compulsory driving course, which should be given by

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Cincinnati—The John Shillito Company
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Des Moines—Younkers
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Lansing—J. W. Knapp Company
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Oklahoma City—Harbour-Longmire
Omaha—Orchard & Wilhelm Company
Philadelphia—Gimbels
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Rochester, New York—McCurdy & Company
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St. Paul—The Golden Rule
St. Petersburg—Maas Brothers
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Shreveport—Hemenway-Johnson Furniture Company
Silver Spring—Hecht Company
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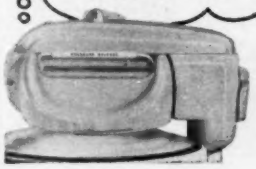

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Compact writing

Just off the bedroom, an alcove in the Emory Gose home in Houston, Texas, accommodates Mrs. Gose's sewing center. If she must leave her work before she's finished, there's no need for her to put away her sewing machine and materials; she closes the modern folding doors, and the bedroom is in order

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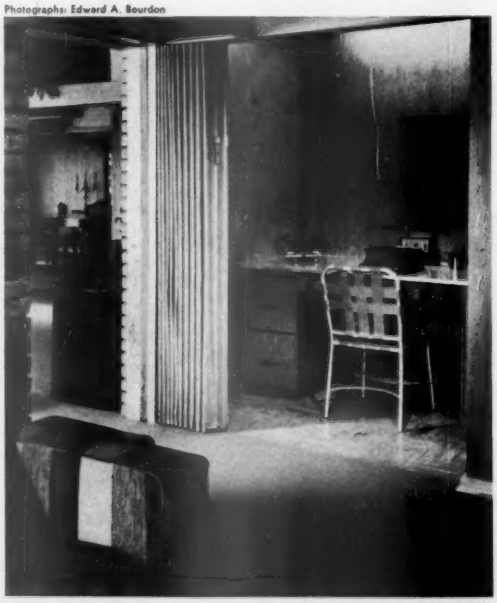
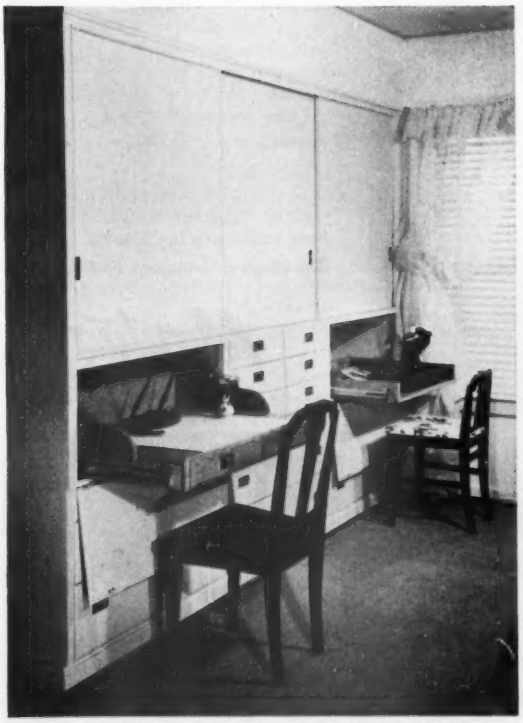


and sewing centers

By Charlene Warren

If you want a place to pursue your hobby, an out-of-the-way spot where you can work on household accounts, or an ideal corner to use for sewing—here are ideas



Both writing and sewing centers were arranged on bedroom wall in the B. F. Watts home in Houston. Drawers between hold equipment. To use desk or sewing machine, let down doors which conceal them. Both slide on roller bearings. Architect: Eugene Werlin

Another small alcove, like the one shown above gives the Emory Goses room for a fully equipped office just off the den-guest room. For complete privacy, modern accordion doors pull shut. Rubber tile floors are easy to keep clean. Architects: MacKie and Kamrath

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Compact writing and sewing centers

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Griffith

Ideas for this sewing corner in the Dick Price home in Dallas, Texas, started with an unfinished dressing table. Drop leaf was added for a cutting table. Note built-in sleeve and ironing boards for pressing seams.

Here Mrs. Price has pulled up the leaf and is laying a pattern on her fabric. All necessary sewing equipment is stored in dresser drawers. Garments-in-the-making may be hung in closet behind Mrs. Price

If you want a place to sew and space is limited, make the most of a corner

de Gennaro

Open, the handmade chest in this corner of the Dick Hauser home in Riverside, California, gives evidence that this is more than a sewing center. In the chest, which has a handy drop-front shelf, Mrs. Hauser stores her ironer and typewriter as well as her sewing machine

Closed, the top of the cabinet may be unfolded and supported by a leg to form Mrs. Hauser's cutting board. After she has laid out the pattern and finished cutting out the pieces, the cutting board is folded back to become the top of the cabinet. Mrs. Hauser made the cabinet from a 4x6-foot piece of 5/8-inch plywood. See how she has used an old silver chest for storing spools of thread close by

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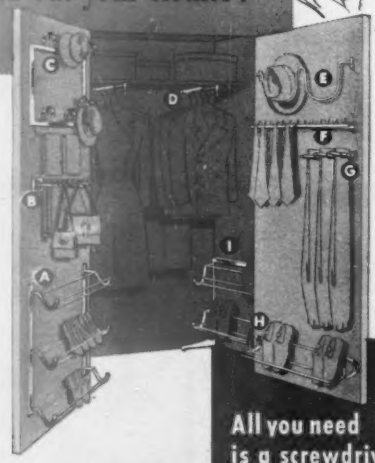

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Don't give your kids

"It won't hurt." "We'll do it some other day." "We'll be right back." Has your youngster found out that your assurances usually mean just the opposite? If he can't depend on you, he'll become afraid and distrustful of everyone

By Elinor Verville, Ph.D.

Children are born trusting. When something happens to destroy their trust, trouble appears.

If you don't take time or can't summon the courage to be honest with your children, they may turn into anxious, aggressive youngsters who are themselves deceitful and unrealistic in their attitudes.

An 8-year-old boy at a child guidance center repeatedly left the room to peer into the waiting room where his mother was sitting. When the psychologist reminded him that his mother had promised she would wait, the child answered angrily, "She never keeps her promises to me!"

Unusual? No; most parents deceive their children to some extent—most common is the careless statement by which the parent finds temporary relief from the child's demands. Susan asks to go to the zoo, to play with Mary Jane, to invite Sammy for lunch.

"No, not today," her mother answers. "Tomorrow you may." For Susan, tomorrow never comes.

Johnny invites his mother to play darts or catch or ring-toss with him.

"I'm sorry," she replies apologetically. "I'm just too busy right now." Then the telephone rings, and Johnny's mother spends 15 cheerful minutes chatting with her neighbor.

Using false threats in an effort to change the child's behavior is another way in which you may deceive your youngster. Although the bogey man is nearly extinct, you may still attribute to innocent bystanders all sorts of unpleasant feelings and actions toward children.

When Freddie is frightened and holding back in the doctor's office, his embarrassed mother warns, "Now sit right up there and behave, or the doctor will be very angry with you."

Sandra, who often leaves home without permission, is told "If you run away, the policeman will find you and lock you up in jail."

Failing to tell a child about what is going to happen is a third way of misleading him. The Wilsons never told Jimmy when they went out at night and always left when they were sure he was asleep. One night he woke with a stomach-ache to find his parents had disappeared and he was alone with a stranger.

The only preparation for the coming baby given a 3-year-old boy was described by his mother this way: "Oh, I tell him if he isn't good, I'll go to the hospital and get a baby girl to take his place!"

the run-around

If you spare yourself by fibbing to your child about unpleasant things, he'll lose his trust in you and may become suspicious and aggressive

Telling untruths in situations which might produce an outburst from your child is another kind of deception. Many a child has been led to the front door of a hospital for a tonsillectomy believing that he was going to see his grandparents or visit a toy store.

"It won't hurt," is the habitual reassurance certain parents give before applying the iodine or setting out to have the dentist fill a tooth.

Your child really believes that you know everything. He counts on you to guide him through the maze of experiences which must be his before he can gain adequate knowledge of his own. If he discovers that you are untrustworthy, he'll feel abandoned and helpless. He'll have no accurate standard by which to judge what is so and what is not, no way to tell what is going to happen and when it will happen.

A child who can't get a truthful answer to his sincere questions will believe he can trust no one. Being hurt, he becomes rebellious. Psychologists, investigating early memories of normal and delinquent girls, found that delinquents revealed much more awareness of being abused through parental deception than did normal girls.

Consistently deceiving a child may also produce a youngster like Bobby, who imitates his parents. Bobby always blames other children for starting fights, always denies spilling the ink or tracking up the floor, and tells so often about how he kills lions and digs up chests of diamonds in the back yard that he is beginning to believe his own stories.

Driving children to such desperation is not what you wish to do. You want your children to respect [*Turn to next page*

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Don't give your kids the run-around

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and trust you. Why is it, then, that so many "little white lies" are told?

Perhaps you are fooling yourself into believing that you are protecting your child from fear or worry or envy when you cover up a little. Or you may feel strongly that there are certain things he must learn or do for his own safety and happiness, and that any means are justified to obtain those ends.

But you're wrong. Misleading your child never protects him; it protects you. You deceive your child when you are embarrassed about telling the truth, when you fear you can't handle the outburst which may follow, or when you don't know how else to make him do as you say.

Yet, parents who have trained themselves always to tell the truth find their children to be more self-controlled and less demanding than children who are "protected" by deception.

The child who knows his parents are always honest with him is spared tension and uncertainty. Usually he will summon all his resources to meet a new experience, because his parents have told him something of what he faces. He carries over the feeling of trust he has in his parents to other children and adults and meets them with little aggression and suspicion. He can give up present desires with some ease because he knows that if he cannot have something now, he will get it without fail at the time it has been promised.

The child who has been told the truth learns self-control, independence, and fairness in dealing with others. These are things you want for your children, and they can be obtained if you learn to be honest.

You can do these three things to make honesty with your child easy and automatic:

1. Make your explanation simple. Your child needs the truth, but rarely the whole truth. Because you are an adult, you have accumulated hundreds of acts and feelings about many subjects. Your child does not want and cannot absorb everything you know about a given topic.

Take a minute to think over the exact question he has asked; then answer as briefly as you can that question and nothing else. When your girl notices in the bathroom that her daddy has an anatomical item which she does not possess, she asks, "What's that?" She is not asking for a complete reconstruction of sexual differences, conception, and the birth of babies. She wants to know the name of something she sees. Tell her.

If you must describe a coming experience which may be upsetting to your child, your short, straightforward explanation will reassure and prepare him.

When you are going out, tell your child in as few words as possible where you are going, what you will do, who will stay with him, and when you will be back. If he immediately looks crestfallen and says, "I want to go too!"—you can help by saying you're sorry he can't, and repeating when you will be back and who will stay with him. Even though he doesn't like your going, he will soon learn that you always tell him before you leave and that it isn't necessary to keep a watchful eye on you day and night to thwart your sneaking out. When you always come back as you say you will, in time he won't need to stay awake waiting for you.

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Jealousy of the new baby can be decreased if you remember that most children are led to think of the coming addition as a wonderful plaything which the parents are arranging solely for their benefit. When the long-awaited present turns out to be a noisy little animal which mustn't be touched and which requires untold quantities of parents' time and attention, children are rightfully resentful and hostile. Prepare your child for what home will be like with a baby in it.

Tell him what a newborn baby looks like and why he must be carried wherever he goes. Tell him that the baby must be fed, diapered, and bathed every day, and that he can help you in this care if he likes. Remember to say that the baby sleeps most of the time, but that it is fun to watch and hold him when he is awake. He should know that the baby will cry and that crying is the baby's way of telling other people he needs them.

Possessing this kind of factual information, your child cannot be shocked and disappointed when the baby arrives. He can join in this new family project with interest because you have told him about it simply and accurately.

2. Anticipate questions which confuse you. Disturbing questions and explanations are different for every parent. Some parents find it almost impossible to tell a child they are going out for the evening. Others are stopped by questions about God, or are afraid to explain the trip to the hospital. Most par-

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You know yourself what questions or explanations you have ducked in the past and those you will be tempted to side-step in the future. List these, and write out exactly what you will say when the time comes. Practice your answers out loud, even with your child, if he is too young to be interested in what you are announcing. One husband and wife regularly toss questions of all kinds at each other and practice answering them as they intend to do when their child is old enough to ask.

If you are baffled about what are adequate answers to questions about sex or God or death, your public library can supply you with excellent books which give typical questions of children and simple answers to them. Your minister can also suggest literature in the religious field, and home magazines published by many church denominations contain helpful information on these subjects.

3. Keep your word. If you have turned down your child's request to invite a friend for lunch with the promise that the friend may come tomorrow, follow through, even if your child apparently has forgotten all about it. Remind him that you promised so that he will remember that you did and can learn that you always will keep your promises.

You may be surprised and delighted to see your constantly begging and clamoring child change into a youngster who accepts your decisions about his requests readily and peacefully. He can do this if he knows that when you have promised to grant his request at a definite future time, you will do so.

Keeping your word is important for promises which are pleasurable for the child, and just as important for those which are not.

If you have warned your youngster that he must come indoors if he plays in the street, see that he does so, no matter how loudly he declares that he won't do it again. You needn't keep him in long, but you must keep your promise to bring him in. It is unfair to subject him to your vacillation, back-tracking, and susceptibility to his protests. He has little alternative but to continue playing in the street if all he knows about your reaction is that you might make him come in, you might scold, you might spank, you might take away his dessert at lunch, or you might do nothing at all. To feel secure, he must be able to choose between a pleasurable act and its unpleasant consequences. He can make this choice only if he knows with certainty that you will do as you say if he acts in ways which are forbidden.

You can teach yourself to be honest with your youngster if you (1) make your explanation simple, (2) anticipate questions which confuse you, and (3) keep your word. Because you show him by your truthfulness that you respect his right to fair play, you give your child confidence in himself, in other people, and in the predictability of the working of his world.

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Here's how to

Live in an unfinished house

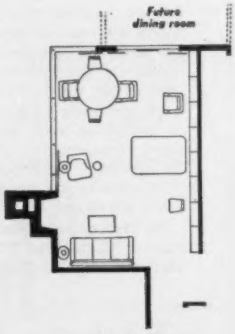
If you can't afford to build the home you hope to have eventually, build only part of it and plan your first rooms so they'll serve many ways

By Frances Richards

A cozy spot for relaxing is but one use made of living room. Combed plywood, brick wall and draperies are one color to suggest spaciousness and add importance to furnishings

Photographs: Photography, Inc.

A study or a setting for a buffet supper, this side of living room serves as a dining area. Notice the handy pass-through to kitchen. When the table is not set for entertaining as shown, it's used as a big writing desk. Future dining room will be added at the left. Mrs. Partridge was her own decorator



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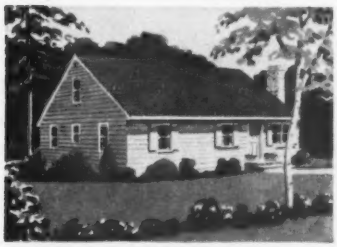

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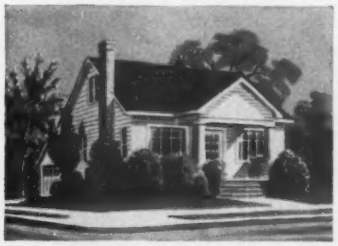

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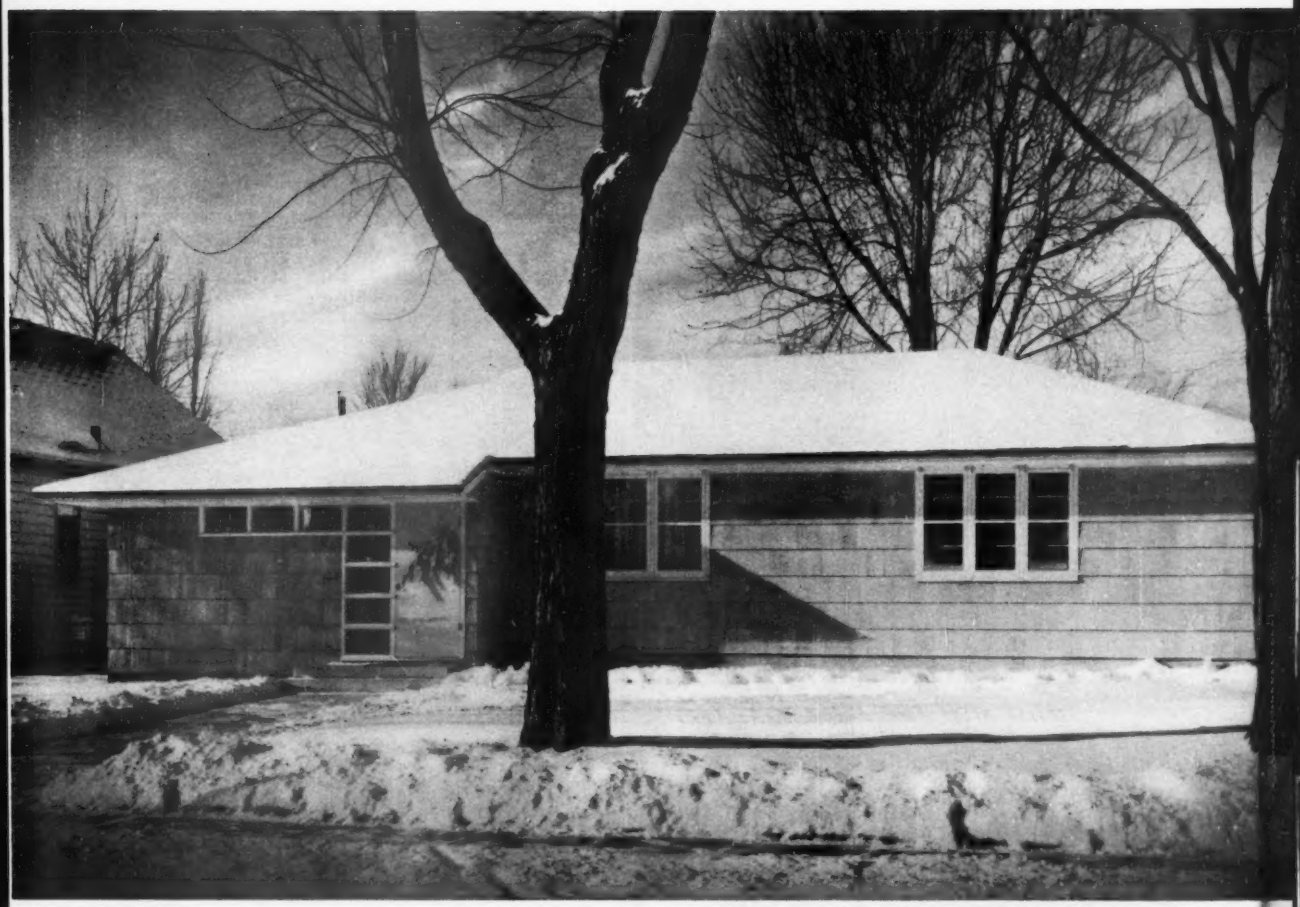

AFTER ***Wing we added improved our house so much we often wonder if it's the same house. It is***

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Greatest change took place the day the front gable disappeared and we put on a hipped roof instead. We were still far from finished

By E. F. Matthes

We bought a two-bedroom bungalow a few years ago with the intention of building on a wing some day. As we made minor improvements during the first three years, we planned how we would use our new space.

By the time we talked to Minneapolis Architects Rollin Chapin and Donald Parsons, we had decided on two more bedrooms and a relocated bath in the new wing, plus better living and dining-kitchen space in the older section. We spent so much time planning that we completely forgot exterior appearance. But our architects' suggestion to change roof style from gable to hip gave our run-of-the-mill bungalow the look of a brand-new house.

We did part of the work. I tore off the entrance porch and dug trenches for the new walls. My wife was an interested spectator for awhile, but with doors boarded up, plaster dust thick, and carpenters coming through windows, she began to help, at first helping me pull nails. Before we were through, she was nailing up wallboard and helping with the shingling. We left major construction work to craftsmen, but by doing the finishing ourselves and helping where we could, we remodeled without borrowing a cent.

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Ways to use half-tables

By Edith Wolfe

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Hedrich-Blessing

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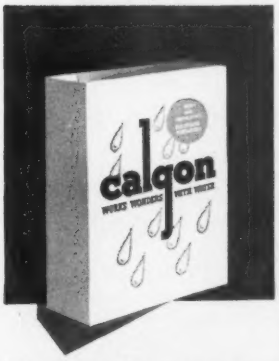

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Strawberry barrel and peonies

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A. N. F., Kentucky

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Make a 3-inch cylinder of cardboard to stand upright in center of barrel. Fill the cylinder with vermiculite or peatmoss, and the space around the cylinder with good soil. Then remove the cylinder and use the core as a watering channel.

Insert plant roots through the holes as soil is put in. Dwarf marigolds or coleus may be used.

Q Would it help to feed my peony plants? They are three years old.
M. S. T., Indiana

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Your peony plants should be fairly well established by now and may be fed early each spring at the stage of growth shown above.

Sprinkle about a cupful of a balanced plant food in a band around the plant. Scratch the plant food into the soil and water, or let spring rains do the job. Peonies depend on food reserves in their roots for early growth. But you'll need to provide plant food in the soil to make sure you get the best growth and bloom possible.

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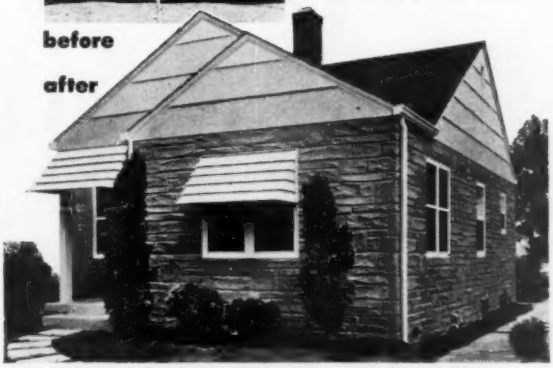

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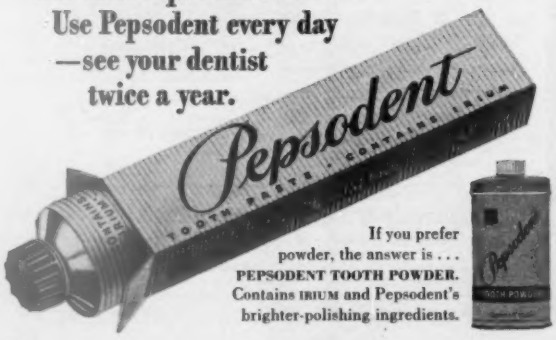

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Lack of phosphorus in your soil might be a reason why your wisteria fails to bloom. Injury to flower buds by freezing is another common reason in the north. To force your vine to flower, try taking the stems down and braiding them about a third of the way up. Wisteria above had not bloomed for years, has flowered since braiding stems and twisting short wires tightly around young shoots 2 inches from main stems.

Under normal conditions, all wisterias should bloom. To keep yours flowering well, cut back the young lateral shoots in early spring before growth starts. Young canes which grow from larger, older canes are easily recognizable. When you're through, most of the side shoots should be stubs from 10 to 14 inches long. Note the seed pods in the picture below from last year's bloom. Insulated electric wire is strung on hooks in the brick to hold this wisteria.

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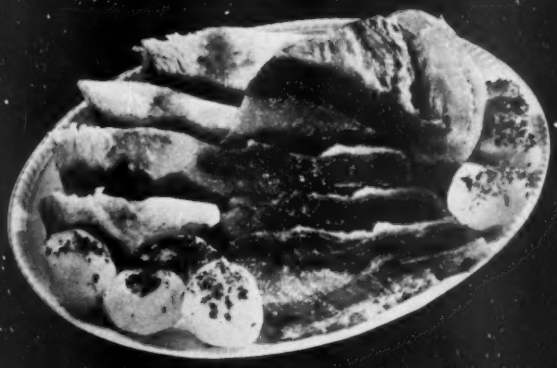

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Save your trees

Q *Why do elm trees often develop cracks where two limbs come together at a sharp angle, and what can be done to prevent it? One of my tree limbs has split—others might later.*
J. F., New York

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Such cracks occur frequently on trees having V-shaped crotches. As the trees get older, more and more bark is formed in the crotch, instead of wood. Bark pushes limbs apart, and wood fibers don't knit well. This makes a weak line; and ice, with heavy winds, causes limbs to split off.

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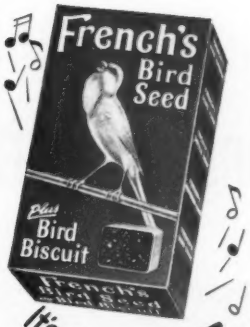

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What's wrong with this family?

See problem, page 10

What's right

It's natural to disagree at times on how to handle your children. While parents should get together to thresh out big issues, it doesn't do a child too much harm to witness a mild disagreement, unless the incident becomes one more chapter in a perpetual battle. The argument between the Alexanders, therefore, is not necessarily bad in itself.

What's wrong

From Dad's comments, it looks as though Mrs. Alexander is suffering from the overanxiety common to many mothers. Since daily life is filled with potential dangers of all kinds, you have to guard against letting your own fears stand in the way of your children's growth, even though you are filled with a desire to protect them. Jack's best protection is the fact that he has learned to swim.

Actually Dad has performed a real service for Jack in backing him up in this effort to be manly. Perhaps Dad could perform a service for Mother, too, by helping her see that she is magnifying her fears and by encouraging her to let her "little boy" grow up.

Dad's overruling of Mother, however, is a bit dictatorial. Parents should have few or no occasions to countermand each other's orders. Dad Alexander might have tried a little more reasoning, and Mom might have placed a little more confidence in his judgment.

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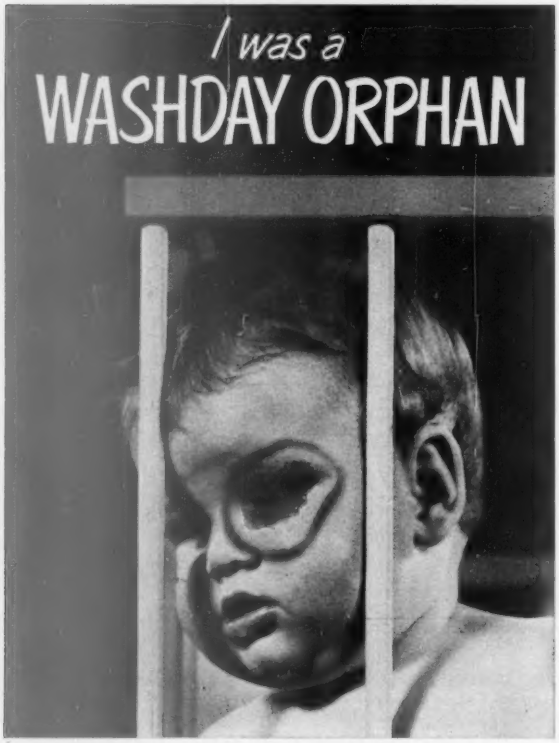

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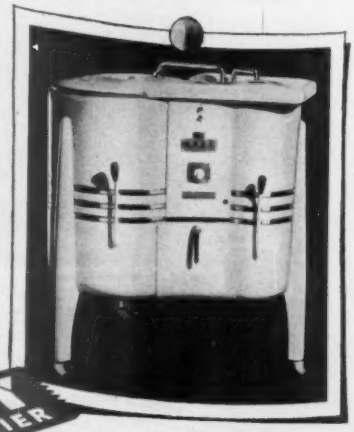

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Who's going to get it

Will your wife get your estate? The kids? Don't bet on it if you die without a will, and a darn good one. Here are 12 reasons why you'd be smart to see your lawyer while you're still alive

By Ray Giles

What would happen to your family if you died tonight? Would all your assets be available to your wife and children? Or, for lack of a will, would your widow get, say, only one-third of your estate, while the remaining two-thirds were locked up for your youngsters until they become adults?

Even if you *have* a will, is it up to date? Is it comprehensive enough to hold down estate taxes and death expenses, or would hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dollars be wasted because you haven't taken advantage of new laws? Do you rely on co-ownership of your home and other property to take the place of a will? The fact is that co-ownership often actually *increases* taxes and death expense!

Here's an example of what can happen to bedevil and harrass a woman whose husband is always getting around to making a will but who dies without one. After your wife reads it, she may have something to tell you!

Working overtime one night, a Midwest executive was surprised at the cultured woman who opened his office door at 9 o'clock to scrub the floor and dust the furniture. Curious, he chatted with her. It was another story of one of those men who put off making their wills until it's too late.

After tedious, confusing visits to Probate Court, this widow had been appointed administratrix of the estate and guardian of her three children. Before it got around to doing this, the court appointed a temporary guardian whose services cost $400. Then came the delay of advertising for possible unknown creditors and complying with other legal requirements before settlement of the estate was possible. Finally, at long last, she received exactly one-third of the net estate for herself, the remaining two-thirds being tied up for the children until each one, at age 21, could collect his share.

To protect the children against possible depredation by their own mother, she had to be bonded separately for each child *for each year until he was 21*, an annual waste of almost $300. Meanwhile, the children's shares of the estate could not possibly be used to help the mother. Only small amounts, in case of direct need, could be secured for their own welfare. To get at their tied-up shares, their mother would have to secure special court permission. Every year she has to show the judge detailed records of income and expenditures to prove she's behaving properly and complying with the exacting requirements of state law.

Because he died without a will, her husband piled up nearly $2,000 of preventable expenses on a modest estate, in addition to crippling his family financially while the children

after you're gone?

Photograph: Pease

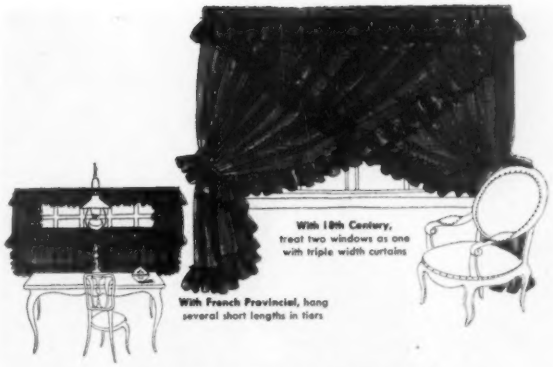
Are you going to look after them yourself, or will you let the judge do it?

were growing up. To make ends meet, his widow had to work.

Yet imagine! In addition to the half of all men who die without *any* will, thousands more leave *defective* wills which fail to carry out the plans they made for their families. Many buy will forms in stationery stores and then botch them up with misplaced signatures and illegal alterations. When they get through, their "wills" are fit only for the wastebasket. Amazing also is the horde of otherwise bright businessmen who blithely dictate wills to their secretaries, have notaries witness their signatures (the notarial seal and signature being utterly worthless for this purpose), and dream sweet dreams of family protection.

Consider also once-good, attorney-made wills which are altered by laymen who don't realize the devastating consequences. Maybe you read about W. A. Julian, late treasurer of the United States, whose handsome signature for 15 years decorated all our folding money. One day, will in hand, Julian inked out a name here, obliterated a few words there, painstakingly scratched his famous name beside each change, and felt perfectly comfortable about the whole business. But when he died, the alterations didn't stand up in court because they weren't legally made or witnessed.

Once-good wills can curdle for other reasons. Maybe you made your will when you married. You left everything to your wife, but made no mention of possible offspring. Well! With Junior's first whimper, he was legally entitled to two-thirds of your estate regardless of that [*Turn to next page*



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will! If you adopt a child, the same thing happens. Taking it all in all, the high probability is that not one man in three protects his family as perfectly as he would by making a well-considered, up-to-date will with legal assistance.

No article can tell you *everything* you ought to know about the matter, because laws differ here and there. In so-called community-property states, a widow is entitled to half of the estate her husband creates from the date of their marriage. In most of our states a widow *without* children gets more than the one-third she gets when there are children. But what is said here applies generally throughout the United States for a married couple with young children.

What are the commonest reasons for making a will?

Reason 1: To make your full estate available to your widow and small children *during the years when they need it most.*

Reason 2: To choose your own executor, instead of having the court appoint one who might not be satisfactory to your wife.

Should *she* have the job? Perhaps, especially if she has a good head for business and the estate is simple. But many women who read the 50-odd functions of an executor prefer a trusted relative, friend, or attorney. Or, if the estate is big enough, a trust company. Incidentally, it's good to have your executor younger than you are, so he'll be likely to survive you by many years. If you want, your will can make your wife co-executor. That way she can make her wishes felt.

Reason 3: To direct how much your executor shall pay to your widow pending settlement of the estate.

Reason 4: To name your executor without bond.

This saves money, time, and delay in taking many important steps for the welfare of your family.

Reason 5: To empower your executor to use a specified amount of principal in any year in case of unusual illness or other disaster.

Only through a will can you *anticipate* difficulties and problems which may arise.

Reason 6: To secure prompter and often more economical settlement of your estate.

When you die without a will, the court has to appoint an administrator with added bonding expense, and possibly a long string of extra fees. I know of one $17,000 estate that shrank to $11,000; a proper will would have saved thousands of dollars.

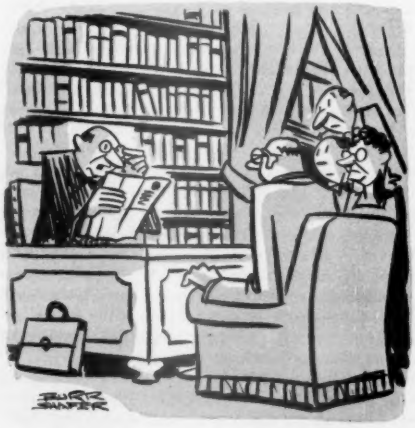
Reason 7: To provide your executor with certain discretionary powers like deciding which assets to sell, and just when, and how to reinvest proceeds. (Without this he may have to sacrifice securities or real estate and can reinvest in a very limited list of low-yield bonds.)

If you have a business of your own or an interest in one, his ability to conduct deliberate, even lengthy negotiations in liquidating it is important in bringing about the best possible settlement.

Reason 8: To assure repayment of any special debts such as money borrowed for education, home payments, and so on, from parents or good friends.

Reason 9: To say who shall have certain items.

You can name and describe things specifically so that there can be no possibility of litigation. Maybe you want son Bob to have the car, sister Mary that highboy, and daughter Linda to own all the books in your library. You won't, like George Washington, bequeath gold-headed canes to your boyhood friends, but perhaps your hunting pal Bill will appreciate that moose-



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head you brought back from Maine in 1922.

Reason 10: To distribute property among your children in *unequal* portions, if you wish to do so. If there's a disabled or handicapped child, you may make special provision, as General Robert E. Lee did for a crippled daughter.

Reason 11: To keep estranged relatives from getting a share of your estate.

In certain states if a man dies childless and without a will, his brothers and sisters, or, in other states, his parents share in his property after some specified amount like $5,000 or $15,000 is handed to his widow. Thus, relatives who have become strangers to you may get money you'd much rather give to your wife. For example, an estranged brother you hadn't seen for 30 years might get half of all you own after your wife received a small sum, so talk *that* one over with your lawyer!

Reason 12: To give your money to your pet charity if every member of your immediate family passes out of the picture.

Your wife, too, needs a will. Even if she owns no property, a woman with children should name her husband guardian without bond or designate a certain relative or friend in that capacity if her husband dies before she does. Other reasons already given may apply quite as much to a woman as to a man.

Her will may recognize the fact that property created by her husband rightfully belongs to *his* relatives if she's childless and dies soon after her husband. On the other hand, a childless woman may wish to direct an inheritance from *her* own folks to her blood relatives. A will can do it, so long as a living husband's rights are recognized.

A home bought with money earned by the husband and placed in the wife's name can go back to the husband—but *only* if she has a will. Otherwise it may be sold, and two-thirds of the proceeds put aside for the children at 21.

Your home may need some special thought. Suppose it's an expensive residence which easily might become a white elephant to your family if you died young. It is in your name only. Your will states that the family can occupy it so long as they can afford to live there; otherwise your executor must sell it and invest the proceeds to create added income. Co-ownership, so common, presents a dangerous possibility. A widow suddenly made owner of real estate may be tempted to sell it to indulge in hazardous speculation. You may want to discuss that possibility with your attorney.

The mention of co-ownership may have raised an exultant gleam in your eyes. You're thinking, "Brother, so far you haven't touched me! *Everything* we possess—home, stocks, bonds, car, and bank accounts—is jointly owned by Sallie and me. Since she'd get everything, why make a will?"

While it's true that co-ownership *should* deliver property automatically to a surviving spouse, the

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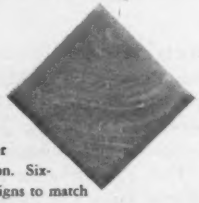

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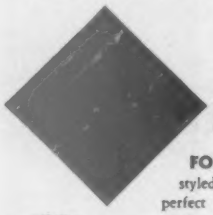

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Iowa State Bar Association warns, "A 'joint-tenancy' arrangement is not likely to save taxes and expense. In some cases it actually increases them."

There are genuine disadvantages too. Suppose both husband and wife die, without wills, in the same auto crash. Their jointly owned property is disposed of just like that of an individual who quits life without a will, and with all the accompanying disadvantages. And today's energetic tax gatherers are growingly suspicious of attempts to evade inheritance, gift, and income taxes by co-owners who, unwittingly, may play right into their hands.

A New York woman paid $30,000 for some common stocks by checks drawn on a bank account owned jointly with her husband. By the time her husband died, the value of these securities had risen to $48,000. The widow was unable to prove that the money which paid for them had been earned, inherited, or acquired by her from some source other than her husband. So the tax authorities decided it was really her husband's money which paid for the stocks and imposed an inheritance tax on half of the whole amount of $48,000. Then they decided that the other half had really been a gift by the husband to the wife, so they slapped a substantial gift tax on it.

This experience reminds worshippers of co-ownership that inheritance tax laws presume that a dead co-owner of real estate, stocks, bonds, bank accounts, and other property owned not just half, *but the entire property*. This can raise stiff problems for co-owners. To escape taxation in full, they must dig up old bankbooks, unearth ancient canceled checks and yellowed sales slips, and present other documentary proof to substantiate their claim for tax exemption.

For this reason, in making your will, it's wise to go over all your co-ownership property with your attorney. He may show you how to improve your position and lessen death taxes.

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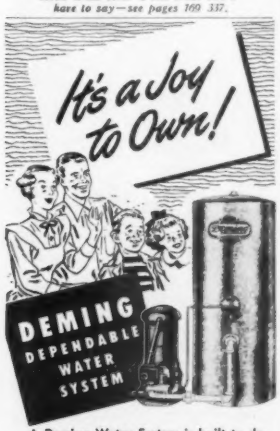

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We saw how a will made when you are first married can hamstring your widow if it doesn't mention children born later. At the other end of life, you may want to make a new will which gives more to your aging widow, now that your sons and daughters are grown and prosperous.

As your children grow older, their differences may suggest that it's safe to give son Tom $5,000 outright, but that easy-spending Jerry had better get his $5,000 in installments over five years. A new will can do exactly that, or give outright bequests in unequal amounts to different children. Contrary to common belief, you can cut out a child entirely, not even the old dollar legacy being necessary.

To be litigation-proof, a will must comply exactly with the laws of the state in which it's probated. So when you move to a different state, better let a local attorney review your will so you'll be safe. Even if you own a summer shack in another state, it's smart to make sure that the way you dispose of it conforms with the laws of the state in which it stands.

If you live a long time, the executor named in your will may die, move away, or tell you that now he'd rather be excused. You make a new will naming a new executor. And if all the witnesses to your will should die, it may be cheaper to have a fresh will drawn, even if it's exactly like your old one, with *living* witnesses, rather than force your executor to hunt up people who can vouch for the genuineness of signatures of witnesses who have passed on.

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Muscle tone-up for new mothers

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By Ann Usher

Here are exercises that are specially recommended if you've just had a baby. But they aren't intended for new mothers only. Anyone can do them. They'll help to strengthen your abdominal wall and your back and chest muscles. In addition, they relieve tension and fatigue, stimulate blood circulation, and aid in developing good posture. They're helpful, too, in relieving constipation, abdominal congestion, and menstrual discomfort.

If you have any physical condition which might make it unwise to take these exercises, check with your doctor before starting them.

In an after-childbirth program, you can start even the first day or so—flat on your back in bed—with a few motions which do not require much exertion, such as: Cross ankles, tighten hip muscles, and press muscles on inside of thighs together. Relax. Then tighten rectal muscles. Relax and repeat.

Also, raise and lower head, touching chin to chest. Repeat. Still on back, flex feet up, down, and sideways, and wiggle your toes.

Then, if your doctor approves, the first four exercises pictured may be started just a few days after the baby is born—even if you're still in bed. Continue these exercises (in bed or on the floor) for the first six weeks.

After six weeks, you can do all of the exercises shown on this and the following pages. They will help you regain muscle firmness and vigorous well-being, and will aid your pelvic and abdominal organs in their return to normal position and size.

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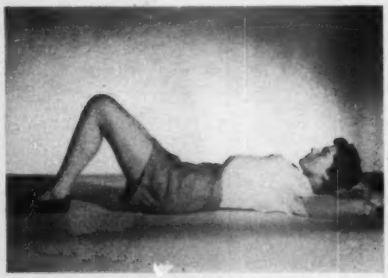
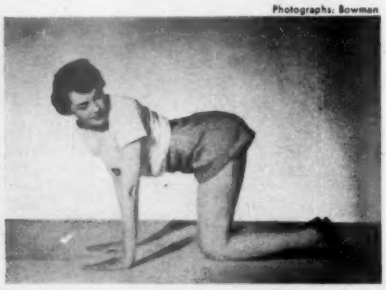
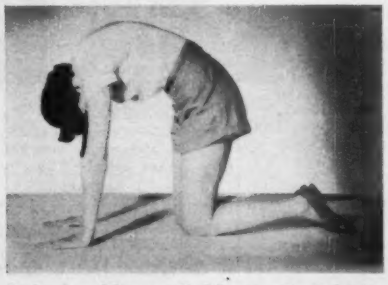


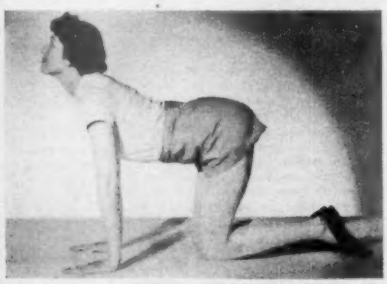
Lie on back, knees bent. (a) Inhale slowly, expanding chest and abdomen. (b) Pull abdomen in, spreading ribs apart. Exhale. (c) Pull abdomen in, press lower back to bed. Hold: relax. Do each movement 10 times



On hands and knees, swing your hips like a dog wagging its tail. Turn head every time in direction you're swinging, so that waistline is well tucked in on side to which you're looking. Repeat 5 times to each side, then rest



On hands and knees, pull abdomen up toward spine, tightening hip muscles. Tuck head in to look at your knees. Your back should be completely rounded. Follow immediately with the exercise shown at right. Alternate



From arched position at left, lift head toward ceiling. Hollow back and let hip muscles go slack. Alternate arching and hollowing back 5 times. Then rest head on forearms. Repeat whole exercise twice. Do 4 times a day

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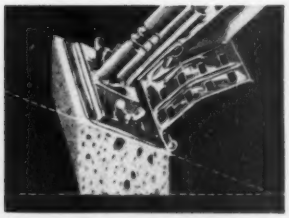

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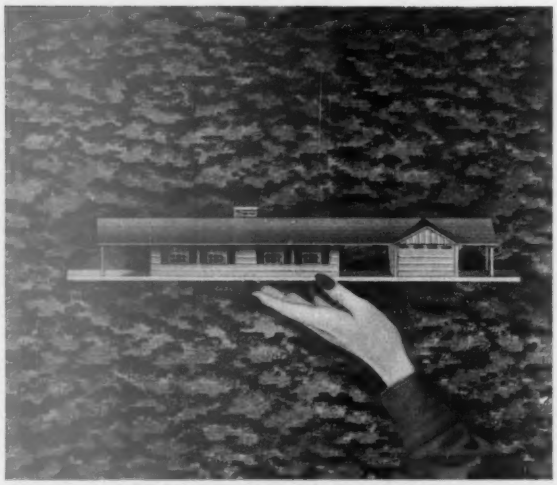

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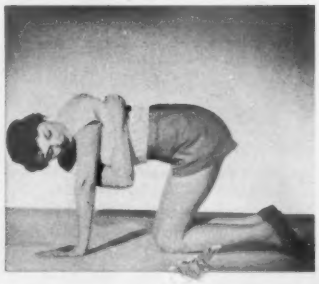
Lie on back, knees bent, feet flat on floor. Raise head and shoulders off floor. Reach forward with both hands outside left knee. Repeat, reaching beside right knee. Repeat each movement 3 times

Same position as exercise above. With chin in, lift head off floor as far as possible, then lower it slowly. Repeat, stretching arms forward, raising shoulders off floor. Try to raise entire back. Repeat 5 times



On your hands and knees, swing right arm, with fist clenched, under left side of body, reaching as far over back as possible. Turn head in direction you're reaching. Rest, and repeat 5 times, alternating arms

Same position as above. Swing right arm under the left side of body, then sideways and up toward ceiling, turning body and head to look up at hand. Swing each arm 5 times. Do exercise 5 times daily

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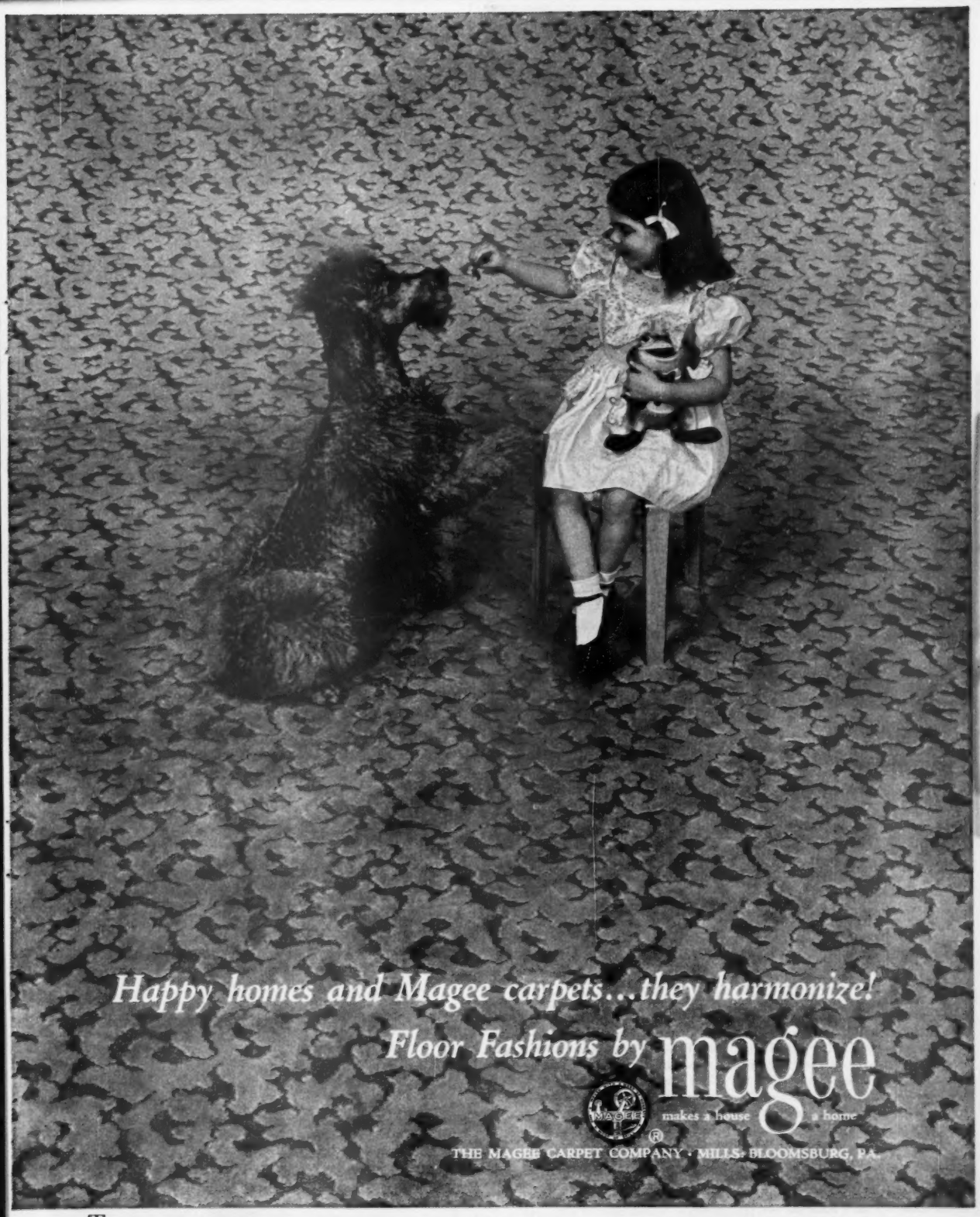

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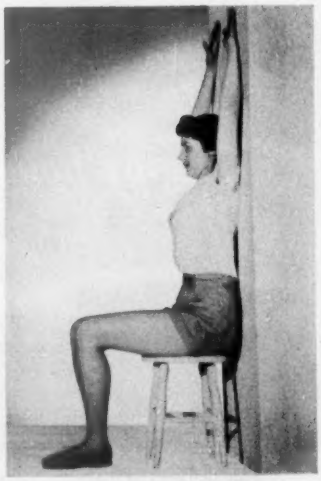
Lie on your back, knees flexed on abdomen, hands clasping bent knees. Pull knees toward chest; hold; then lower legs slowly to floor. Relax. Repeat 6 to 10 times. Try to touch your knees to your chest

The "knee-chest" position. Kneel, place palms and forearms on floor. Bend forward until chest and side of face are resting on floor, knees 12 to 18 inches apart. Hold position for five minutes, twice a day

"The Camel Walk." Bend over from standing position; rest palms on floor, feet 12 to 18 inches apart. Keeping knees and elbows straight, walk around on all fours. Do 5 times a day



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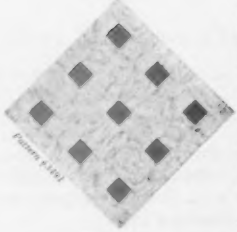

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By Betty Childs

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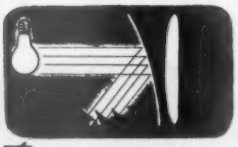

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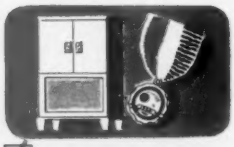

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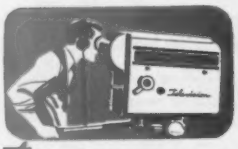

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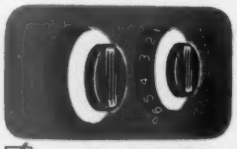

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By Pauline Graves

The Hahns painted woodwork and wainscoting white in small alcove off their kitchen. A Provincial-patterned wallpaper, red and green on a gold background, makes a bright setting for informal meals. Shutters over lower half of windows give privacy and ventilation, too. Inside of shelves is painted red to match red-chintz ruffle

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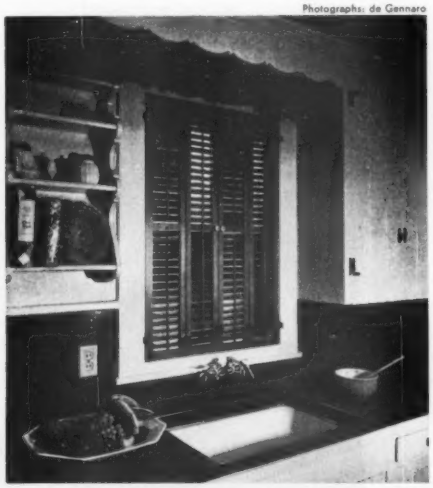

To make window look longer, and to gain headroom, the Hahns extended built-in cupboards to the window on only one side. The hanging shelf between other cupboard and window gives space for cook books and kitchen knickknacks. White of woodwork and cupboards contrasts with red-linoleum counter top

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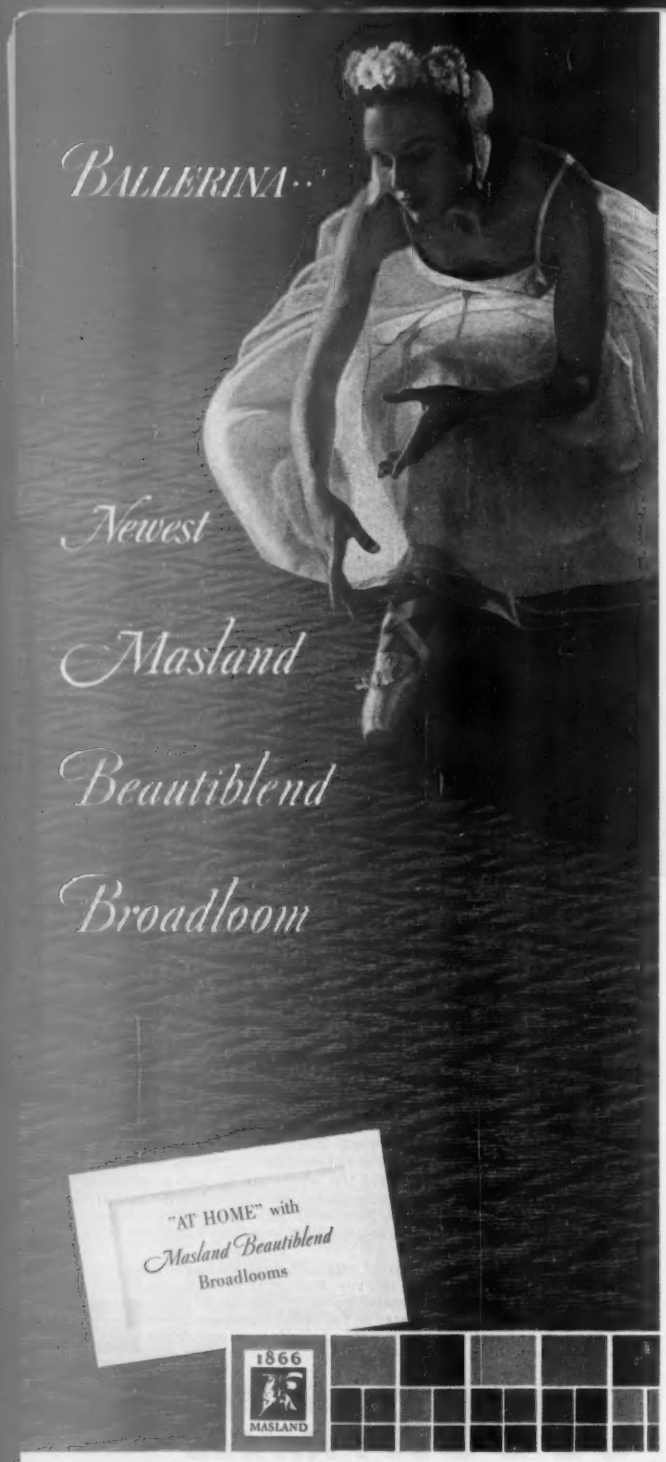

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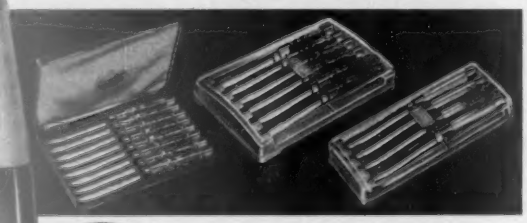

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Shades and Venetian blinds

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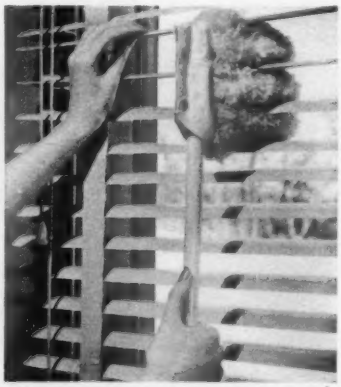
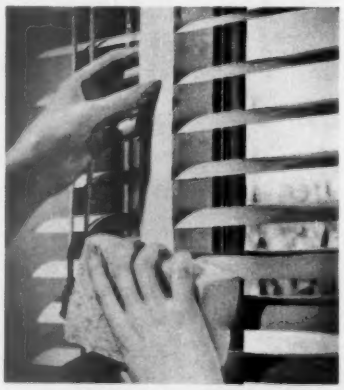


Venetian-blind slats. A three-fingered duster cleans both sides of slats at once. Or use dusting tool of vacuum cleaner. To clean well, use a special Venetian-blind cleaner or cream wax



Venetian-blind tapes. Wash them with thick, dry suds and soft sponge or cloth. Be sparing with water to avoid shrinkage. Hang blinds full length with slats open till tapes are thoroughly dry

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Upholstery

Grease spots. These are a problem because you can't get a pad under the spot to absorb it. Use spot remover. Test the remover in back of chair or sofa before you start. If fabric isn't harmed, then go ahead. The spray remover won't leave a telltale ring to show where spot was

Cleaning. Dust frequently with vacuum-cleaner brush or hand vacuum cleaner. First clean cushions on all sides. Then vacuum over whole chair or sofa. Use the crevice tool to clean between chair seat and the back and arms

Washing. Foam cleaner removes dirt, grease from upholstery that's not too soiled. Test fabric to be sure colors are fast. Clean small area at a time. You can speed drying by turning electric fan on upholstery. Use a dry cleaner if you think the fabric might fade

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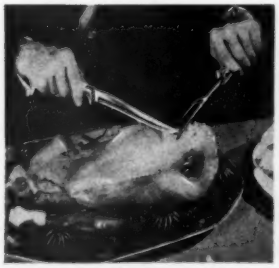

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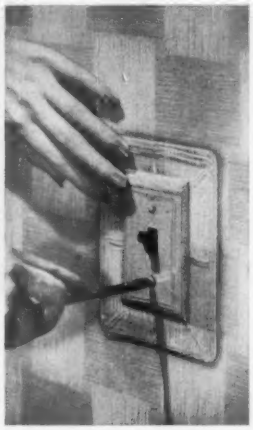

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Swinging door. Protect the wood from smudges with a glass plate. For easier cleaning in the kitchen, fasten a sheet of noninflammable plastic behind the range. Or give the painted wall a coat of wax. A damp cloth takes care of spots

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He ruffles through his
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He fumbles with his tie.
He laces up his oxfords.
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your humble author included, have returned sooner or later to prenatal happenings, proved in some cases by outside data of which we had no earlier knowledge. Several of us, having restimulated engrams (or something) without being able to erase them fully, have known periods of apathy, upset, or depression. All of us have found relief from tension through tears, yawns, and laughter, which are signals of success in dianetic auditing. All of us have perceived vividly that the power of an engram is not to be underestimated, and that its reduction and refiling unburdens the heart and clears the mind.

More concrete testimonials are in order. A housewife lost a head cold in a single session. A teacher, after some weeks of being audited, parted company with his migraine and with a chronic nervous twitch. Another discovered the boyhood source of his kidney stones and why he detested dogs and cucumbers. A girl who couldn't eat carrots and did poorly in school now eats carrots and does well. An older man's gastric ulcers, of many years' standing, have apparently vanished. A student who left his studies to seek expensive psychiatric help returned to college after several months of auditing. A boy with hay fever, annually restimulated by his father, has had no return of it after a few auditing sessions. And so on.

Does such a record prove the final value and truth of dianetic theory, or the existence of engrams, or the possibility of "clears"? Not at all. Other theories are still respectable. Other modes of treatment might have achieved similar results. What personal experience with dianetics proves, I believe, is that the practice does work, that it is not dangerous if properly pursued, and that it is helpful to a good many persons. To say more than this would be to say what cannot now be demonstrated.

In all fairness, however, I must note that most authorities and experts do not share the enthusiasm of our Berkshire dianeticists, and of their counterparts over the country. Dr. I. I. Rabi, Nobel prizewinning physicist, writes (*The Scientific American*, January, 1951): "This book probably contains more promises and less evidence per page than has any publication since the invention of printing. . . . Its huge sale to date is distressing evidence of the frustrated ambitions, hopes, ideals, anxieties, and worries of the many persons who through it have sought succor." Psychoanalyst Milton R. Sapirstein in *The Nation* (August 5, 1950) denounces the dianetic "conception of the amoral, detached, 100 percent efficient, mechanical man—superbly free-floating, unemotional, and unrelated to anything." A psychologist at a psychiatric foundation writes me (August 18): "I have studied memory for 15 years. I *know* that what Hubbard writes has nothing to do with science or factual truth."

Dr. Joseph A. Winter, M.D., who wrote the introduction to the book, has a very different opinion: "For the past year, I have been practicing dianetics on my patients, on my friends, and on my family. For the first time in my life, I'm satisfied that there is a method by

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BETTER HOMES & GARDENS

"I know it's trash night, but there's not enough to bother about. I'll let it go till next week."

"Now look here, Madge—putting out the trash is my job. Suppose you let me worry about it."

"Trash night! Oh, no!—Gee, dear, I want to take care of it as much as you do, but I brought a load of work home from the office, and . . ."

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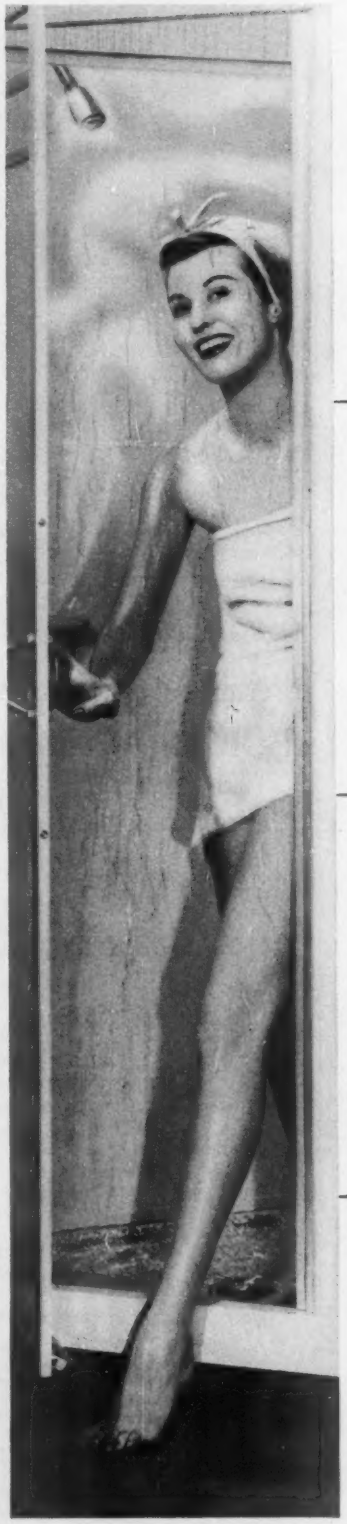

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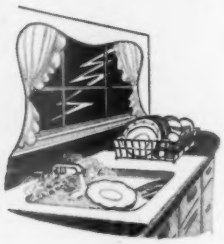

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which many questions, hitherto unanswerable, can be answered with definiteness and proved correct. *Correct*, insofar as the improved health of the patient is concerned. *Correct*, insofar as his well-being has been implemented by a feeling of security. *Correct*, insofar as his approach to living has become more advanced, interesting, and productive of growth. To me this correctness is meaningful and worthy of acceptance. . . . Dianetics is the most advanced and most clearly presented method of psychotherapy and self-improvement which has ever been discovered."

Sidney Kline of the *New York Compass* (September 28) finds the results of an experimental auditing all too vivid, disturbing, and convincing, and expresses keen interest in the prospects of dianetics.

The American Psychological Association in its resolution of September 8, 1950, is reasonable and reserved:

"While suspending judgment concerning the eventual validity of the claims made by the author of *dianetics*, the Association calls attention to the fact that these claims are not supported by empirical evidence of the sort required for the establishment of scientific generalizations. In the public interest, the Association, in the absence of such evidence, recommends to its members that the use of the techniques peculiar to dianetics be limited to scientific investigations designed to test the validity of its claims."

Authorities who object to any unusual approach, or who have preconceived ideas may fairly be dismissed. But many of these criticisms deserve sober consideration. Experimental proof of the truth of dianetics may be as difficult to prepare and present as proof of the truth of psychoanalysis or of many propositions and principles of conventional psychology and psychiatry. Meanwhile, many laymen and a few medical specialists are continuing to experiment with dianetic auditing.

The glorious vision of the complete dianetic "clear" may turn out to be a kind of "far-off, divine event," always to be approached, but never fully attained. A few of Hubbard's co-workers, and some among the 400-odd certified professional auditors now available, lean toward this view. No "clears" are on exhibit, nor does Hubbard himself claim to be one, as yet. Nevertheless, within limits still uncertain and which are subject to improvements still unlimited, dianetics appears in practice to work substantially as advertised. But only for those who pursue auditing seriously and persistently, despite its puzzles and its capacity to consume endless hours.

Will dianetics "save the world"? I think not. Will dianetics fade away as a passing fad and a curious and useless memento of our time of troubles? Again I think not.

Something new and hopeful, in my considered opinion, has here emerged from a fog of confusion and ignorance. "Know thyself!" was the highest wisdom of the ancient Greeks. Dianetics is a new road to self-knowledge. "To thine own self be true," wrote Shakespeare, "and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." Dianetics offers people a means of taking their own part and ceasing to play the false roles (as all of us so often do) of dead ancestors or of relatives whom we unknowingly love, fear, or hate.

It is scarcely probable that dianetics, as it develops further, will conform in all respects to Hubbard's first statement of it. What may reasonably be anticipated, I believe, is an eventual reconciliation between dianetics and the best of older methods of dealing with problems of personality, combining them in new ways capable of contributing richly to human self-fulfillment.

We may yet have an opportunity to learn far more about ourselves, and our parents and our children, than we have hitherto believed possible. In the learning, we may find the road to sanity for One World as well as for ourselves. Whatever its errors and follies, dianetics carries a message of hope and an invitation to survival. Those who prefer life to death are therefore privileged still, I trust, to wish it well and to make it what they will in coping with personal frustrations and community problems.

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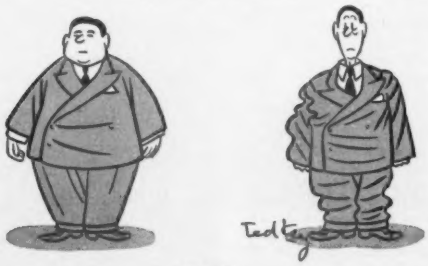

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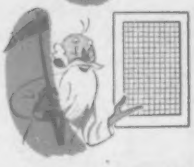

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Here is an effective way to display a vine for most decorative impact — usable anywhere, and especially adapted for brick or plaster walls of Modern architecture

By Nancy C. Langley

To help new tendrils cling, tie vine sections between tendrils to wire with wire-core plant ties, not too tightly. You can clip off the tip when your vine has reached the end of training wire

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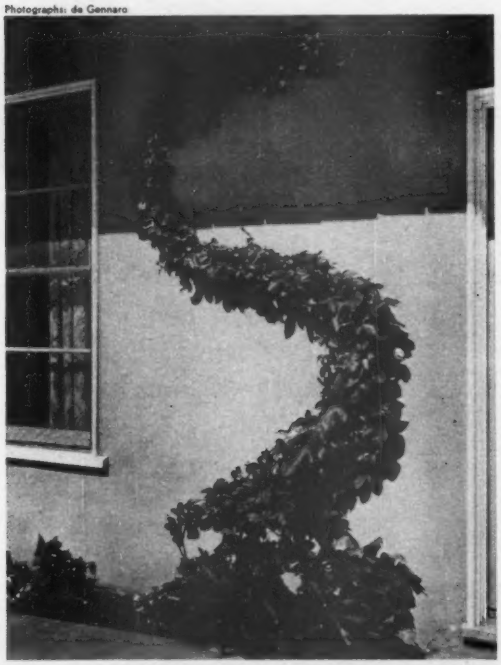

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Are stains disfiguring

By John Stanley

Are you as careful about removing stains that appear on walls and floors and built-in fixtures of your house as you are about keeping your clothes spotless?

Chances are, you try to be. But there are some structural stains that defy ordinary cleaning methods.

Don't let this discourage you. There is a way of getting rid of—or at least toning down—almost every unsightly blemish that is likely to afflict your house.

Here, at a time when you are likely to be inspecting your house for winter damage, is a cleaning chart that will help you solve your most common cleanup problems.

Iron stains on concrete

If stain is light and covers considerable area, mop concrete with solution made of 1 pound oxalic acid crystals to 1 gallon water. Allow to stand 2 to 3 hours, then scrub with stiff brush dipped in clear water, and rinse. Repeat process if stain doesn't disappear.

For deep stains, dissolve 1 part sodium citrate crystals in 6 parts water. Dip white cloth in solution and paste over stains for 10 to 15 minutes. Then, on horizontal surface, sprinkle on a thin layer of sodium hydrosulfite crystals, moisten with water, and cover with a stiff paste made of whiting and water. On vertical surface, scoop whiting paste onto trowel, sprinkle with hydrosulfite, moisten slightly, and apply to stain. Remove after 1 hour (do not leave longer). Repeat with fresh materials if stain remains. When surface is clean, rinse thoroughly with water.

Oil stains on concrete

If you mop off oil immediately, then cover area with fuller's earth, hydrated lime, whiting, or dry Portland cement, there should be no stain. If light stain remains, scrub with gasoline or benzine. Be careful of fire.

If stain has soaked deep into concrete, saturate white flannel in mixture of equal parts acetone and amyl acetate. Place over stain, and cover with piece of glass or concrete. Resaturate cloth until stain is gone. If solvent makes stain spread, use larger cloth.

Paint stains on brick and concrete

Loosen with commercial paint remover. Scrape off softened paint with putty knife or steel wool. Scrub clean with turpentine and steel wool.

Smoke stains on concrete

Scour with powdered pumice or gritty scrubbing powder. Then dissolve 2 pounds trisodium phosphate in 1 gallon hot water. In separate enamel vessel, make a stiff paste of 12 ounces of chlorinated lime in water. Pour two

your house?

Here are tricks you need to know to keep your place looking sharp with the least expense and work

mixtures in a 2-gallon stoneware jar and add water to fill. Stir well, cover, allow to settle. Saturate 3- or 4-layer pad of white flannel with liquid, paste over stain, cover with piece of glass or concrete. Make sure cloth is pressed against stain. Resaturate cloth as often as necessary until stain disappears.

Smoke stains on brick

Make smooth, stiff paste of tri-chlorethylene and powdered talc. Apply to stain with trowel. If possible, cover with glass or pan to retard evaporation. When dry, scrape off with putty knife. Repeat until stain disappears. Ventilate well if tri-chlorethylene is used indoors.

If stain persists, wash thoroughly. Dissolve 2 pounds trisodium phosphate in 5 quarts water. In separate enamel vessel, make smooth paste of 12 ounces of chloride of lime in water. Pour former onto paste and stir thoroughly. When lime has settled, draw off clear liquid, dilute with equal parts water, add powdered talc to make stiff paste. Trowel onto stain and scrape off when dry.

Mortar stains on brick

Scrape off chunks of mortar with putty knife. Soak wall with water. Wash with either a solution of 1 part hydrochloric acid to 10 parts water, or a solution of 1 part phosphoric acid to 20 parts water. Rinse thoroughly with clear water after stain is removed. Be sure to wash acid from mortar joints. Caution: To make acid solution, add acid slowly to water while stirring in a glass, porcelain, or earthenware jar. Wear rubber gloves, goggles.

Efflorescence on brick

First try removing whitish stain by wire-brushing. If spots remain, wet brick; then scrub with solution of 1 part hydrochloric acid to 10 parts water. Use stiff fiber brush. Rinse immediately and thoroughly with clear water, then a second time with a diluted ammonia solution (1 pint household ammonia to 2 gallons water). Don't get acid solution on wood trim. Avoid mortar joints as much as possible. Wear goggles, rubber gloves.

Oil stains on brick

Dissolve 1 pound trisodium phosphate in 1 gallon water. Mix with whiting to form paste. Spread ½-inch layer over stain. Let dry, then scrape off and wash with clear water.

Mildew on paint

Kill mildew by scrubbing with solution of 10 gallons water, 6 ounces trisodium phosphate, ½ pint household

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How to group your pictures

By Jo Ann Breckenridge

A group of pictures is often better than one—and you probably have the makings for an interesting group already. You can use pictures with different shapes, sizes, or subjects. You can even mix them with favorite objects like a brass scale, an antique clock, or plants. But something must tie them together—matching mats, gilt frames, a well-placed plant. Experiment with formal and off-center balance. Here are suggestions to help you.

When grouping pictures with different subjects, tie them together with matching frames, as Mrs. J. Wright Brown has landscapes and portraits. Low, horizontal grouping follows lines of piano

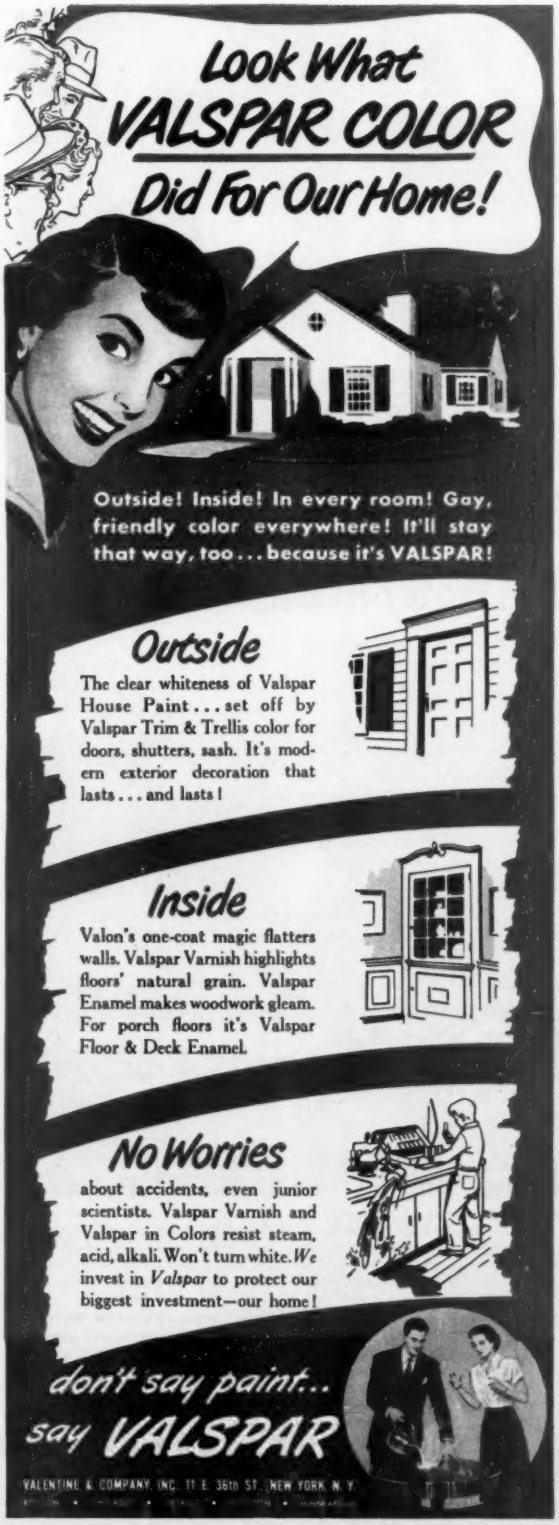
There's no reason why you can't vary shape as well as size of the pictures in a grouping. Here rectangles are flanked by circles. Two small pictures, heavy enough to make a solid base, continue line of large rectangle. Room setting by J. L. Hudson Company, Detroit

Proof that mantel arrangement can be different — and more interesting — with off-center balance. Silhouettes and clock balance candelabra and plant on other side of portrait. John F. McRae home, Houston. Decorator: John Astin Perkins

The scales balance — and so does this arrangement in which the John T. Stankos, Dayton, Ohio, successfully combine pictures and object. Carriage prints follow lines of scale, repeat metal in gilt frames. Decorator: Helen McPherson

Photographs: Baer, de Gennaro, Griffith, Hedrich-Blessing

Each picture is a different size, but matching mats and narrow frames make that unimportant. To prevent monotony, distance between pictures never equals width of frame or mat. Home of Colonel and Mrs. William S. Bacon, Tucson



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By Neta Stokely

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You can have fun interviewing your child and his small guests at his birthday party, as we did with our 5-year-old Craig.

"Tell us what you did this day you were 5, Son," my husband, Roy, asked, as I held the microphone within range.

"We went to the zoo, and then we had a 'circus' party." Craig's eager voice claimed. "And I got a fire engine and dump truck and finger paints and a baseball bat . . . AND we had frosted cake and ice cream and balloons!

"My, what a BIG day!" Roy declared. "Penny, tell what you liked best at the zoo."

The pressing made from that recording is already a treasure and will become endeared as years go by, when Craig will be interested in football and college proms, instead of toy fire engines and trips to the zoo!

If you have a movie camera, you know how realistically it catches the *sight* of your children; just so will a record catch and keep for you the *sound* of them in ways they speak and soon outgrow. Some friends of ours have a cherished record of their daughter singing "Dod Bless Amerida" when she was not yet 3. From her lofty perch of 8 years today, Martha Louise giggles, "How did I ever make 'God Bless America' sound like that?"

Possibly you have kept samples of your child's first printing of his name. But a recording gives you *signature in voice*, catches the lilt of his young voice, so you won't have to peel back layers of memory to recall the sound of his joyous enthusiasm at the back-yard Easter-egg hunt when he was 2. You have it on a record, *for keeps*, just like the color snapshots you took that bright Sunday morning.

Each Christmas you can make a record with the singing of carols and talk about the gifts Santa left. Just as you look at old photographs of your children and remark, "My, haven't they grown!" so you will perceive how their voices change, "grow," and develop from year to year, as they sing "Silent Night" or "Away in a Manger." You can include a few appropriate and meaningful sound effects on your recording, too. Last Christmas we had our 2-year-old Joan thump her toy piano and pat her new doll to cry "Mama." Each time you play such a record, you can relive that happy holiday.

Last summer we had a family reunion with grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, from Wisconsin to California meeting at our home in Oklahoma. We made a recording with everyone performing, starting with gurgling laughter from Baby Sherry, with songs, nursery rhymes, tap dances, piano and banjo playing from all the children (little and big), on up to a lusty rendition of "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain" by Granddad. Pressings were made for each of the family, and now none of us would take a fortune for them.

Operating a tape or wire recorder is easy and offers many advantages over recording directly on a disc, though you may prefer that way. For example, with our family-reunion record, we'd have each person say their piece or sing their song, one at a time, then snap off the recorder; next performer was then brought "front and center" in proper position to the mike, cued, and the machine turned on. If a mistake was made, or if someone coughed or the telephone rang, no harm was done, for with a tape or wire machine, you merely rewind and record right over the error.

The average playing time of a standard 10-inch record is around 2 minutes and 45 seconds per side, so if you want to stage a polished performance, you can have a "rehearsal" and time everything in advance. This is not at all necessary, for if your recording is a little over 2:45, you can put the rest of it on the other side of the disc or finish it on a new side; if it's under 2:45, you can leave a few grooves spacing and then use that same disc for another brief recording another time.

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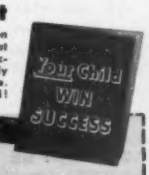

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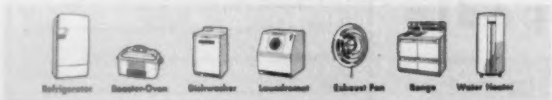

Grow the kinds that taste the best

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CORN	**Golden Bantam**	Unless you live where Stewart's disease is a problem, forget hybrid sweet corns, which are only good for canning. Old-fashioned Golden Bantam and Early Golden Bantam are still tops, with a long season of production.
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ONIONS	**White Lisbon**	Don't plant sets, except for a few very early green onions. Use seed of this variety instead to grow super green onions.
PARSLEY		For "eating" parsley, use Plain or Italian, which has a true parsley flavor. Flavor much superior to the fancy, curled garnishing types.
PEAS	**Little Marvel**	Still the home gardener's choice. Has longer picking season than other peas.
PUMPKINS		If you have room for a vine or two, try Cushaws, either green or striped. More sugar than round pumpkins. Or better yet, use Butternut squash in place of pumpkin—same flavor, more sugar, deep golden color.
RADISHES		Variety isn't as important as sowing every week, not more than a 5-foot row at a time. Eat radishes the day they reach eating size, or give away.
SPINACH		A poor bet for home gardeners in most sections. Instead, try a 50-50 mixture of New Zealand Spinach and Swiss Chard, which will stand summer heat well. New Zealand Spinach kills the earthy flavor of the chard, while the chard overcomes the flat-sour taste of the spinach.
SQUASH	**Caserta**	A super Zucchini type, so prolific you can afford to pick fruits when hardly

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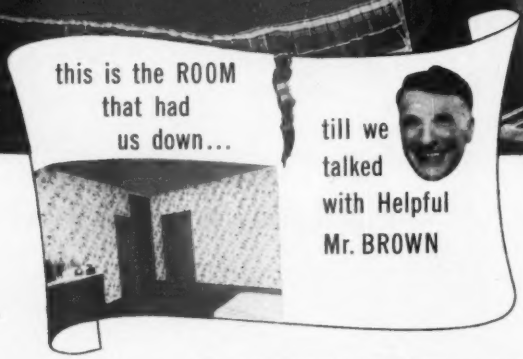

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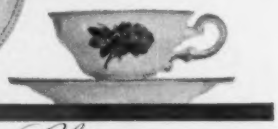

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Grow the kinds that taste the best

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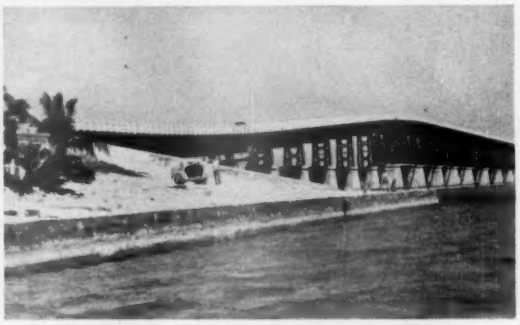
Caserta Squash, cont.	bigger than your little finger, the only way to eat summer squash. If any get too big, pick off and throw on the compost pile.
Butternut	No one has ever produced a better winter squash than Butternut, and borers won't touch it. A super vegetable, good in place of sweet potatoes. Young fruits can be used for summer squash.
TOMATOES	Too many variables to make a flat recommendation. Your local seedsman should advise you. Avoid old, sour, poor-flavored varieties like Earliana and Dwarf Stone, and rough fruits like Ponderosa that won't slice well.



The best side trip we ever took

Many people, hearing of notables flying or sailing to Key West, never realize they can reach it in their own car. It's an easy 163 miles south from Miami over U. S. 1, which is the world's longest overseas highway.

Below Florida City, the road strikes for the coast across waterlogged lowlands. Long-legged herons either pay no attention or soar unconcernedly away.

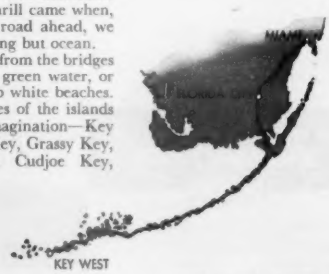
Leaving the mainland, you leapfrog across the Florida Keys using the tiny islands as steppingstones. The highway uses the former right-of-way of the Florida East Coast Railway, which gave up operating to Key West after the 1935 hurricane. Our greatest thrill came when, except for the road ahead, we could see nothing but ocean.

You can fish from the bridges in shimmering green water, or swim on superb white beaches. The very names of the islands will fire your imagination—Key Largo, Long Key, Grassy Key, Noname Key, Cudjoe Key, Sugarloaf Key, Plantation Key.

Key West itself is another world, langorously Latin, with narrow streets and old, Bahama-style houses. There's an open-air aquarium, an old fort, and a lighthouse you can climb for a view of the city. And there are wonderful seafood restaurants, featuring Key West's specialties—green-turtle steak and lime pie—as well as Cuban dishes.

There's a toll on the overseas highway, but the trip is more than worth the $1 for car and driver, 25 cents for each additional passenger, each way.

—*L. R. Ingles*
St. Joseph, Missouri



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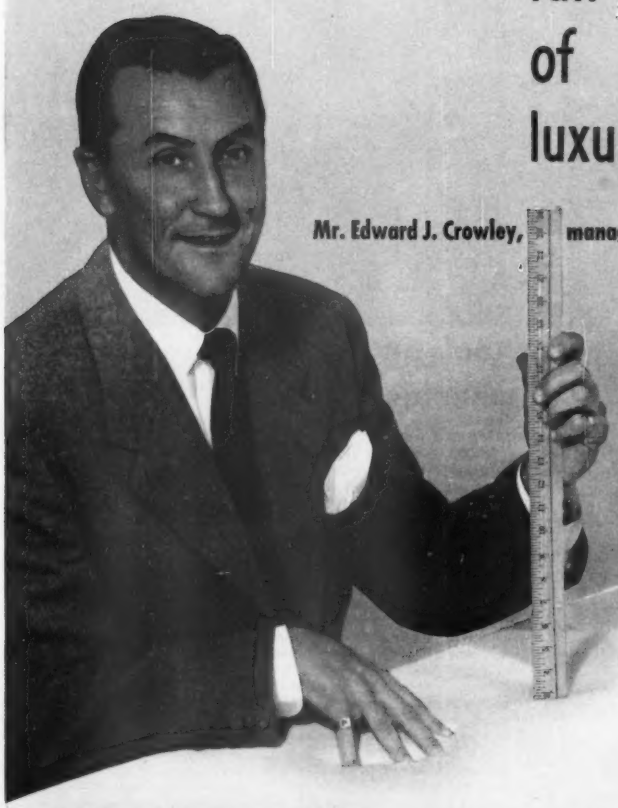

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Help your guest feel at home

See page 62 for "Rooms that lead a double life"

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By Rosellen Callahan

Be ready for overnight guests—whether they come for one night or a whole week. With a little planning ahead, you can be relaxed when they arrive and avoid the last-minute haste of gathering up the things they'll need during their stay.

Reserve an empty drawer in a chest or cabinet in the room your guest will use. The guest drawer shown above is full of many items important for making a guest feel at home—hand and bath towels, hangers, and cleansing tissues. Storing these things in the drawer not only keeps them ready for guests but also keeps the space occupied so family's possessions won't spill into the drawer and need to be moved somewhere else in a moment's notice. You might keep a pair of clean sheets and pillowcases in this drawer, so you will be sure to have them at hand for making up the guest bed.

There are many other items you can store in the guest drawer—items that may be less important to your guest—but will prove handy. A needle and thread is just one example. A friend staying in your home may hesitate to ask for this, or for the tooth paste he forgot to bring, or other necessities. He'll praise the thoughtfulness of a hostess who provides them.

A small easel-type mirror may be packed flat in the drawer and put on top of a chest or desk to give your guest a temporary dressing table.

Extras you might keep on hand, in case your guest has forgotten to bring them: Comb, toothbrush, small jar of cold cream, hairpins, snaps and safety pins, inexpensive safety razor, new blades, and small tube of shaving cream. All these will fit easily into one end of a medium-sized drawer, leaving part of the drawer free for your guest's personal items.

Here is a check list to help you set up an ever-ready guest drawer. You may want to clip and save the list.

Guest room check list

Necessities for a guest drawer

- Sheets
- Pillowcases
- Blankets
- Hand and bath towels
- Coat and skirt hangers
- Cleansing tissues

Conveniences for a guest room

- Comfortable chair
- Reading lamp
- Magazines
- Ash tray
- Radio
- Wastebasket

Suggested extras

- Comb
- Toothbrush
- Tooth paste
- Hairpins
- Cold cream
- Pincushion, needles, thread
- Snaps and safety pins
- Safety razor, blades
- Shaving cream
- Soap
- Note paper
- Envelopes
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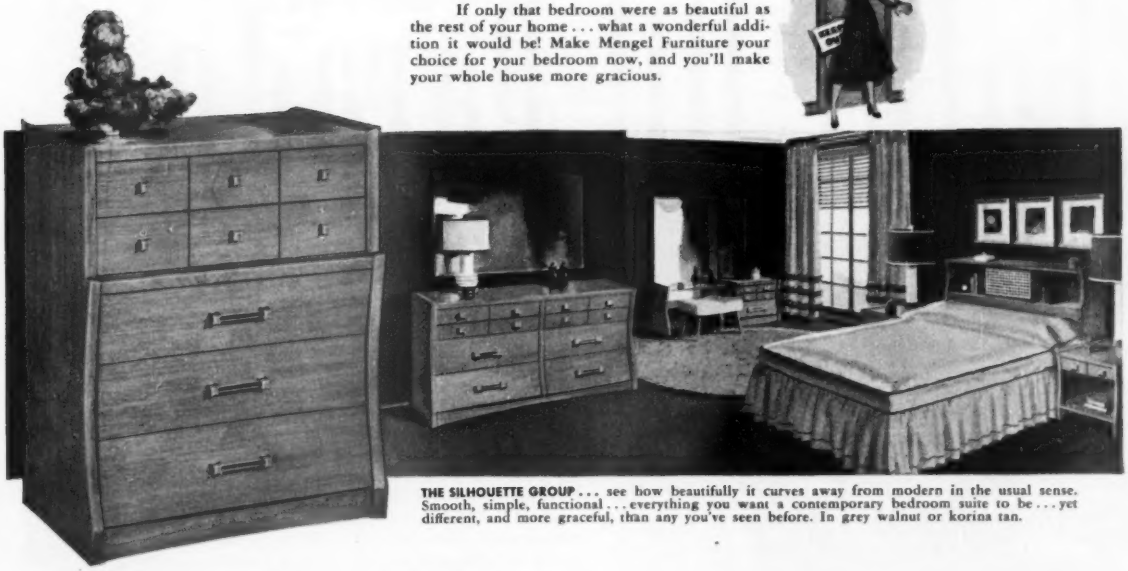

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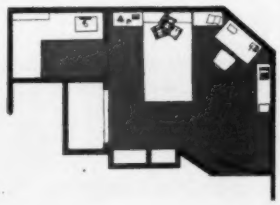
Basement room for a boy and his hobbies

Built-in drawers and shelves at left save space. Low wardrobe closet at right has rods high enough for jackets, shirts, pants. Kirk's overcoat goes in the hall closet anyway. Radio is set in wall above the closet. Molding strips around the wall make it easy for Kirk to show his favorite photographs, change display often

A teen-age boy needs a room of his own for entertaining his friends, studying, and working on his hobbies. So when the George Thompsons moved into their home (shown on page 246), one of their first problems was fixing up a room for 14-year-old Kirk.

Kirk needed a private bedroom plus a darkroom for his photographic hobby. The Thompsons found space in their basement. Because the home is on a hill, one wall of the basement is exposed, and Kirk's bedroom gets plenty of light and air.

Study these pictures and the plan for yourself. You may be able to borrow some ideas for your own home.



Photographs: Sunderland

Darkroom off Kirk's bedroom holds most of his photographic equipment—so it's no chore for him to straighten up. Light walls keep the basement room bright. Kirk's room is a worksaver for his mother, too. That dark bedspread is slow to soil, can be washed in the machine. The linoleum floor wipes clean

Bless that Gossip!

Somehow, the idea got around that steel casements were just for the mink and diamond tiara set. Probably because you used to see them mostly in the big, expensive houses, where their graceful, slim-lined beauty was very much at home. Where people devoted to the lazy life liked the easy way these windows opened—the easy way they were washed and screened and stormsashed from inside.

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Completed chair, an authentic reproduction, is 43½" high, 17" deep, 19" wide. Shellacking stiffens the woven fiber seat

You can assemble this

Early American chair

If you like to put things together—if you'd like to be able to say, "we did it ourselves"—you may want to try your hand at this authentic reproduction of an Early American ladder-back chair. The chair costs about $10 and comes knocked-down, sanded, ready for you to stain or paint. You have a choice of fiber rush or flat reed for the seat.

The chair isn't something a woman can throw together in a matter of hours; it takes a little patience. The close-fitting joints—which give the chair its sturdiness—call for a man's hand when the slats and rails are being glued into place. And a woman's touch will help in weaving the seat. It's important that you weave the corners square so that you end up exactly in the center of the seat. The chair can make a fascinating husband-and-wife project. Working leisurely, you could for example, do six dining chairs in as many weeks.

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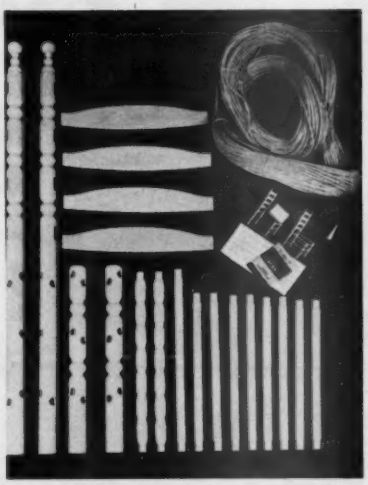

Kit contains glue, tacks, fiber rush (or flat reed) for seat, with all dowel holes and mortises precut. Booklet of instructions gives complete information on weaving, obtaining various types of finishes

Gluing the precut parts together requires a little muscle; they fit snugly, but that's what makes a solid chair. The only tool you need is a hammer. It's best to let the glue dry for at least 48 hours before you weave the seat

You use everything in the kit—including the cardboard box in which it's shipped. Cardboard is used as filler to round out woven seat. Weaving also serves to reinforce the chair. Note gentle curve of back

Where to get it, page 340

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Curtains

Don't run the risk of snagging your fragile curtains when you insert curtain rods. Instead, tape the end of the rod. The smooth cellophane surface will let the rod slip through the curtain easily, without tearing

Shelf border

Anchor edging to shelf paper with transparent tape. The tape will hold the border and shelf paper neatly in place. Yet the tape is practically invisible against paper

Picnics

Stick tape over the holes of salt and pepper shakers, and they won't spill. Tape peels off easily, can go back on when picnic's over. Sandwiches stay fresh if you secure the wrapping with cellophane tape

Wallpaper

You can mend torn wallpaper with cellophane tape. Crisscross small strips of tape with adhesive sides facing. Cross has adhesive on both sides. Stick on wall under tear. Then press the paper down firmly

cellophane tape

Patterns

Mount them on the wall beside your workbench with cellophane tape. They're handy for quick reference. And still they're safe from wear and tear. And they're easy to take down when you're through

Electric cords

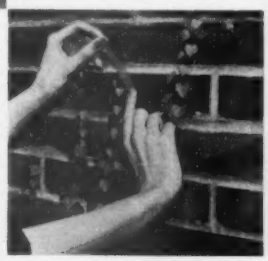
You can keep unsightly cords in place against the molding with small, transparent tabs of cellophane tape. Apply the tape every few inches. Then you can be sure the cord is securely out of the way

Picture hanging

Crisscross two strips of the tape on the spot where you want to pound the nail. Place nail over tape. Then you can drive the nail in without any danger of chipping the plaster

Screens

A small hole in window screens doesn't have to involve an immediate repair job. Seal hole with cellophane tape. Put one piece on outside, another piece on the inside, with their adhesive sides together



Trailing vines

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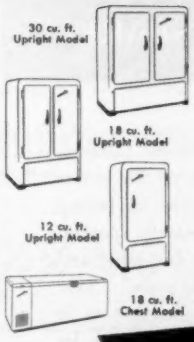

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Slick ways to use cellophane tape

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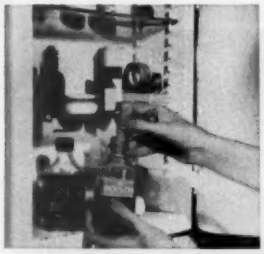
If you're taking records to a party or lending them, make your discs easy to identify. Print your name on a slip of paper and tape it to the center of your record. And there's not a chance for a mixup

Mirror trim

To brighten up a little girl's room, tape a half circle of daisies around top of mirror. Flowers will last longer if you wrap each stem with a spiral of tape. This holds in moisture. Or use artificial flowers

Umbrellas

Print name and address on a narrow strip of paper. Tape it to the umbrella shaft. This way the umbrella will always be easy to find



Medicine chest

This simple precaution will keep your family from using bottles of poisonous liquids by mistake. Seal the caps on the bottles securely with small strips of cellophane tape

Baby basket

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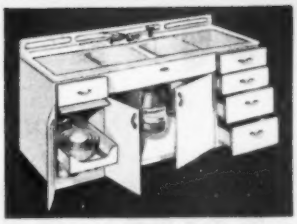

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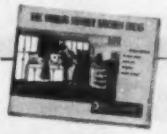

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Will your house be invaded?

Four types of insects await the opportunity to chew up your home.

Here's how to recognize and stop them

Wood-boring insects work mostly in shaded areas, but you should take precautions wherever you live

By Thomas E. Snyder
U. S. Department of Agriculture

Wood-boring insects attack homes for only one reason: They're hungry. The surest way to invite them to dinner is to let them get at the food. Just as you don't leave food out where it attracts mice and flies, keep the lumber in your house preserved against attack.

If you do discover damage, don't get excited. Your house won't collapse. First figure out from the pictures which insect is doing the damage. Then take the steps that follow:

Termites. If you find subterranean termites in your house, first shut off their access to moisture, which they need to live. ("Subterranean" means they live underground.) Drain off swampy spots, clear out stumps and all wood and paper debris. Clean out clogged gutters and [*Turn to page 250*

Termites

What they do →

Enlarged 3 times

All wings same size

Actual size

Subterranean termites live in earth, require moisture to exist. Earth tunnels on foundation walls carry termites from earth to wood. Damage to wood is not visible, since termites eat through grain of wood, never come to the surface.

In swarming time (spring), termites are black, with four wings of equal size. In wood, they are white and soft, about ¼ inch long.

Carpenter ants

What they do →

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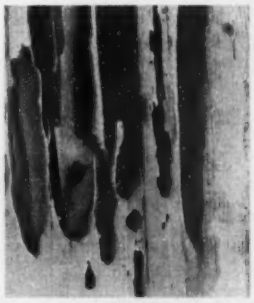


Carpenter ants may be large black or brown insects or small black ants. Their wings are longer than their bodies and lie flat. Ordinary ants have short wings that stand up.

Carpenter ants don't eat wood, merely bore into it for shelter. They prefer window and foundation sills, porch columns, railings. Look for piles of sawdust and shredded wood on the floor.

Powder-post beetles

What they do →

Enlarged 6 times

Powder-post beetles, unlike destructive ants, have thick bodies, spiny tails, and heads often set at an angle to their bodies.

These beetles reduce wood fibers to powder. Some types attack woodwork, others oak flooring and hardwood furniture. They leave 1/16- to ⅛-inch exit holes, and sometimes a powdery film (right).

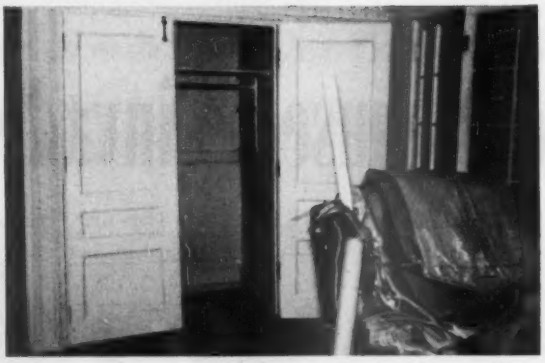
Old-house borers

What they do →

Actual size

Old-house borers are also beetles, but have round tails without spines, and round heads that follow the lines of the body.

Borers leave bigger exit holes (¼-inch) than other beetles, are most easily recognized by the noise of their boring. Borers damage only sapwood, but can continue to work in wood for years.



BEFORE. This little-used bedroom had long needed redecorating. The center closet was deep enough to hold a television set the family wanted

By Ruth W. Lee

Where do you put your TV set?

In a bedroom, say the Irving Winters of Glencoe, Illinois. You, too, may find it the most practical spot for televiewing

AFTER. Both television and radio fit into the center closet—leaving plenty of hanging space on either side for guests' or out-of-season clothing. In a TV room like this, you can arrange furniture permanently for televiewing. And youngsters can see their favorite shows without disturbing family

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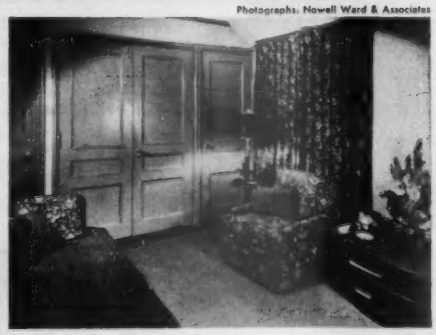
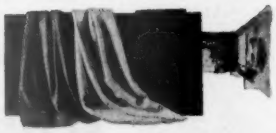


AFTER. When the closet door is closed, the TV room becomes an upstairs sitting room and guest bedroom. Freshly painted woodwork and new draperies and slipcovers make the room a pleasant place to spend evening. Sofa bed and easy chair are comfortable seating—for reading, talking, televiewing. Agatha Shoenbrun, decorator



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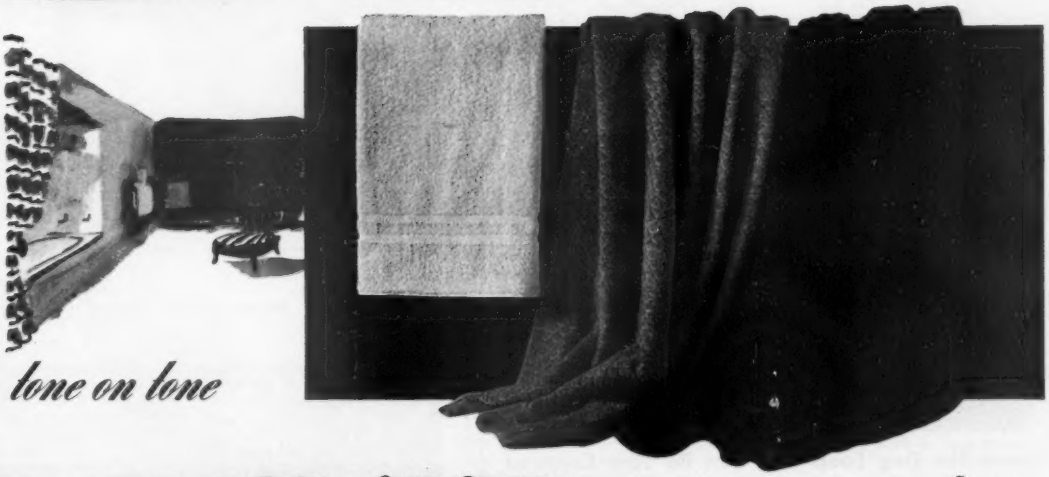

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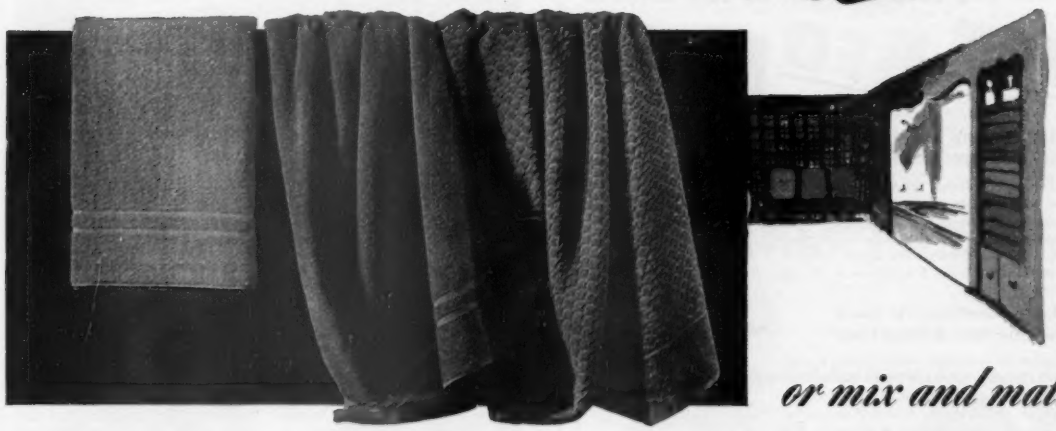

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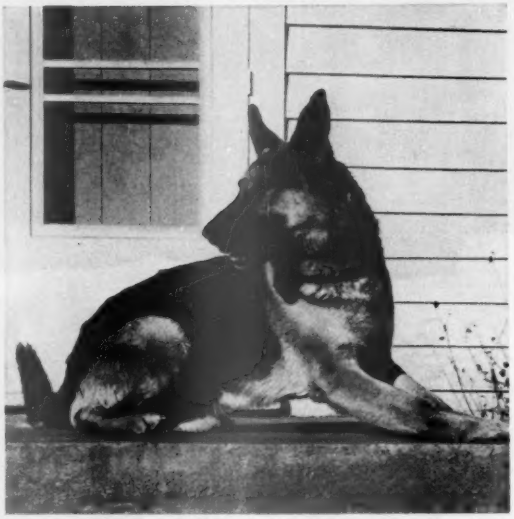

Most any dog can become a watchdog, but how much should you demand?

By Russell K. Lowry

Just about everybody who starts out to buy a puppy will usually announce "I want a good watchdog" the minute he steps into a pet shop or kennel. People who write "Your Pet and Mine" for advice on buying the right breed will invariably wind up their letters with the sentence, "Of course, I want a good watchdog!"

So it's only human nature for the breeder or pet-shop owner to drag out a cute little ball of fur and fluff and say, "Oh, this pup will grow into a fine watchdog all right." The watchdog enthusiasts generally accept the statement at its face value and start feeling safer at once. Nuts to second-story men and burglars. We've got a watchdog, haven't we?

Often, this is only the beginning of a chain of confusion and misunderstanding. People just don't seem to understand what a watchdog *is*, or is supposed to do. First, no pup is going to be much of a watcher until he grows up and gets some gray matter. Up to this time, any normal, healthy pup is everybody's pal. He craves only the attention and patting of any human who happens along—friend or stranger.

But one fine day, the pup grows up. He starts being suspicious of strange sounds and strange people. A knock on the door or the sound of a step he doesn't recognize brings forth a bark. Right from there, the pup has become a watchdog. A watchdog, says the dictionary, is "a dog quick to detect the approach of strangers." In short, he's just an alarm-sounder. His bark simply says, "Come quick, master; I think there's skulduggery afoot!" But by no means is he an animated machine gun or a General Patton tank. He warns. And that's all.

Which is as much as should be expected of any dog. But here's a woman who says that her Cocker Spaniel barks at a knock on the door all right. Yet, says the lady, when the door is opened and a stranger walks in, the dog backs away. Now, she asks, why doesn't my dog go after the stranger?

Offhand, that sounds like a fair question. But is it? Few dogs will attack a human unless they are trained for it. This is true especially of the medium-size or small breeds. They logically realize their physical limitations. For that matter, most dogs of the larger breeds refuse to wade into a person unless they are cornered or otherwise goaded into the act. German Shepherds, Boxers, and Doberman Pinschers have the required temperament for making good attack animals. And these, with an exception here and there, were the *only* breeds which

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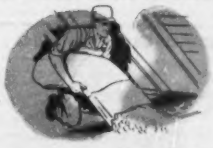

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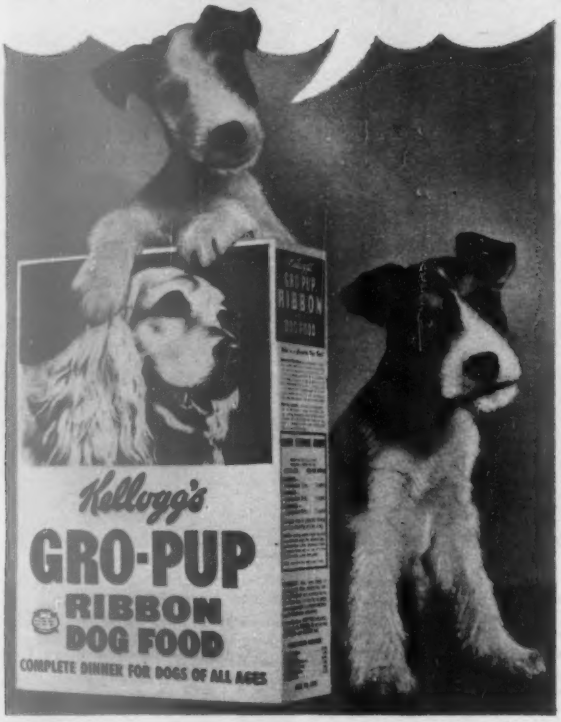

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Your pet and mine

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had the size and mental make-up to make the grade in the K-9 Corps of World War II. Even then, they had to be expertly trained for this aggressive attack work.

Trained in peacetime attack technique, dogs are often used for guarding property. They're excellent watchdogs to be sure, but when the chips are down, they can also back up their "watching" with attack. They are not called watchdogs, but "guard dogs." Therein lies the distinction between a watchdog and an "attacker," who is in reality a guard animal.

The word "watchdog" is much abused. It misleads many. The truth is that most any dog will become a good watch animal, given half a chance. He'll bark when danger threatens. But that's all. And when he barks, he has discharged his obligation. It's up to you to carry on from there.

As for training a dog to attack humans, we're against it. Let's face it. *No* dog is a match for an armed man bent on mischief, not even a big, powerful animal who knows all the tricks in tackling a prowler. Yes, we've read all the hair-raisers, listened to the radio plots, and seen the movies which play up these super dogs who never fail to subdue the dastardly kidnapers. But these episodes all ignore the simple, realistic truth that a smart human can outmaneuver a powerful, vicious dog any day in the week. One of the ways being a well-placed bullet.

Any dog owner who assigns his pet to actually guarding valuable property, expecting the dog to make good on his own in a physical encounter with a burglar, has no real love for the animal or thought of its safety. Storekeepers sometimes delegate to their dogs this kind of duty. Owners of lumberyards and warehouses, located in darkened sections of town, often find it cheaper to chain up a fierce-looking dog on the premises than to hire a watchman. Naturally, their dogs do their best when the big test comes along.

Which isn't much, when all's said and done. The body of many a loyal dog has been found the next morning, with a bullet through its brain or its skull caved in. In fact, how many times have you ever read of a faithful "watchdog" standing on the chest of a dead prowler, wagging its tail in triumph? When that happens, it'll be bigger news than the one about the man biting the dog!

Our biology teacher asked, "Why don't dogs chew their food?" He insists that dogs merely tear food apart and swallow it whole. Could you explain?—J. S., New Hampshire.

Well, dogs in their wild state had to feast hurriedly to get their share of the kill. If they took time to chew, they got edged out by others of the pack. Mother Nature took care of this by providing dogs with

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It's time for a chimney checkup

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Applying the mortar. Use a small pointing trowel to apply new mortar. You'll find an improvised "hawk" handy; a square of hardboard screwed to a wooden handle will do. Hold hawk against bricks so mortar can be pushed into joints. Pack mortar in and scrape off surplus. Avoid getting mortar on face of bricks. Tar paper on roof around chimney will keep roof clean

Finishing joints. Fill a few joints, working from the top down. Then "strike" them for appearance and to make them watertight. You can use a tapered metal rod, called a slicker, as pictured. It compacts mortar against bricks, giving you a smooth, concave joint. You can do the same job with a short length of pipe. Or trowel mortar in horizontal joints to achieve a slope that will shed water

Adding cap. A chimney cap protects bricks from weathering damage. For a small chimney, cap may be simply a thick layer of mortar troweled on. Soak bricks for good adhesion. Let top edges slope outward to shed water. At highest point, cap should be level all around so wind won't be scooped in, causing downdrafts. For an even better job, build a wooden form and pour a concrete cap (below)

Protecting cap. To seal tiny indentations in chimney cap, where water might collect and freeze, brush on a coat of grout—a soupy mixture of cement and water. Wet concrete first. If you don't object to a black chimney cap, you can use roofing cement. If you find cracks in cap or between cap and extending flue, seal with mortar, grout, or roofing cement to prevent damage

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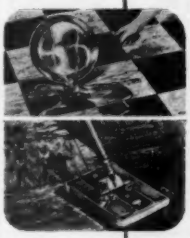

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Sugar cinnamon loaf

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Fold over upper half of dough. Cut into strips 1 inch wide. Twist ends of each strip in opposite directions. Place on greased baking sheet. Pinch ends of strips together firmly; also press ends of strips to baking sheet—to keep them from unwinding. Cover with damp cloth; let rise until light, about 25 minutes. Bake in moderately hot oven (375°) 12 to 15 minutes. While still slightly warm, brush tops with **Confectioners' Sugar Icing:** Mix 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar with about 2 tablespoons milk. Makes 2 dozen twists.

Cream Puffs

Fill the puffs with ice cream this time—

1 cup water
½ cup butter
1 cup enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
4 eggs

Heat water and butter to boiling point in saucepan. Stir in flour and salt; beat until mixture forms a ball. Remove from heat. *Cool slightly.* Beat in eggs, one at a time, beating each time until mixture is smooth. Drop by spoonfuls about 2 inches apart onto ungreased cooky sheet. Bake in hot oven (450°) 15 minutes; then in moderate oven (325°) 25 minutes. Cool slowly, out of drafts. Before serving, cut off tops with sharp knife. Scoop out any soft bits of dough. Fill with ice cream. Replace tops. Spoon Rich Chocolate Sauce over top. Serve at once. Makes 1 dozen puffs.

Rich Chocolate Sauce

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3 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate
½ cup water
2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
¾ cup sugar
Salt

Melt chocolate in water in heavy saucepan over low heat. Stir in remaining ingredients. Boil 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Serve hot or cold. Makes 1 cup sauce.

Party-winning recipes

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Coconut Rolls

They have coconut and brown sugar inside and on the bottom—

1 14¼-ounce package hot-roll mix
¼ cup melted butter or fortified margarine
½ cup brown sugar
1⅓ cups shredded coconut
⅓ cup brown sugar

Prepare dough and let rise as directed on package. Turn out on lightly floured board; roll in rectangle 16x8 inches and ¼ inch thick. Brush with melted butter and sprinkle with ½ cup brown sugar and 1 cup coconut. Roll as for jelly roll; cut in 1-inch slices. Brush muffin pans well with butter, then sprinkle with remaining brown sugar and coconut. Place rolls, cut side down, in muffin pans. Let

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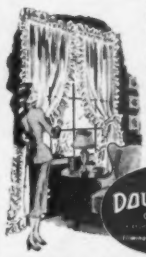

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rise until double in bulk. Bake in hot oven (425°) 15 minutes. Let rolls stand in pans 5 minutes; then turn out on rack to cool. Makes about 1 dozen rolls.—*Mrs. George Remsen, Rockford, Illinois.*

Maryland Deviled Crab

Bake it in a casserole as on page 76, or in individual shells—

- 1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine
- 1 tablespoon enriched flour
- ¾ cup light cream or top milk
- 1 beaten egg yolk
- 1 6½-ounce can crab meat, flaked
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon prepared mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Few grains pepper
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped green pepper
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- ¼ cup buttered bread crumbs

Melt butter; stir in flour. Add cream and cook until thickened. Add small amount of hot liquid to egg yolk, then stir egg into remaining hot mixture. Add crab meat and seasonings. Cook 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add onion, green pepper, and lemon juice. Fill greased crab shells with hot mixture. Top with buttered crumbs and sprinkle with paprika. Bake in hot oven (400°) until crumbs are brown, about 10 minutes. Serves 4. Double the recipe for a baking dish.—*Mrs. Joseph S. Smith, Hot Springs, South Dakota.*

Chocolate Macaroons

These are made with semisweet chocolate. See what a rich color they are on page 77—

- 2 egg whites
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 6-ounce package semisweet chocolate pieces, melted
- 1½ cups shredded coconut

Beat egg whites until foamy. Add salt. Sift sugar in gradually; beat well after each addition, until mixture stands in peaks. Fold in vanilla, cooled melted chocolate, and coconut. Drop from teaspoon onto ungreased cooky sheet covered with brown paper. Bake in slow oven (325°) 20 minutes. Cool before removing cookies from paper. Makes about 2 dozen.—*Mrs. William J. Nelson, Augusta, Maine.*

Chicken-Almond Salad

A beauty for your buffet-style party—

- 3 cups cubed, cooked chicken
- 1½ cups diced celery
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- ½ cup diced red apple, unpared
- ½ cup canned pineapple cubes
- 1 cup toasted almonds
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup light cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- Pineapple slices

Combine chicken, celery, and lemon juice. Chill 1 hour. Add apple, pineapple cubes, and almonds. Combine remaining ingredients, except pineapple slices. Add to chicken. Toss. Fill salad bowl lined with ruffly garden lettuce. Garnish with pineapple slices cut in half. Center with parsley and a gay trim of red apple paring. See picture on page 77. Serves 8 to 10.—*Mrs. S. G. Pemberton, Boston, Massachusetts.*

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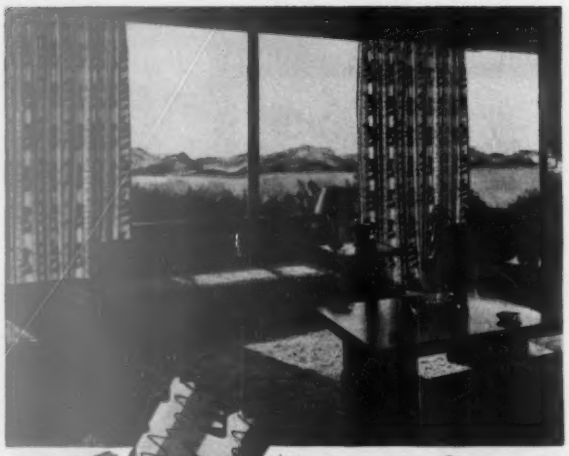

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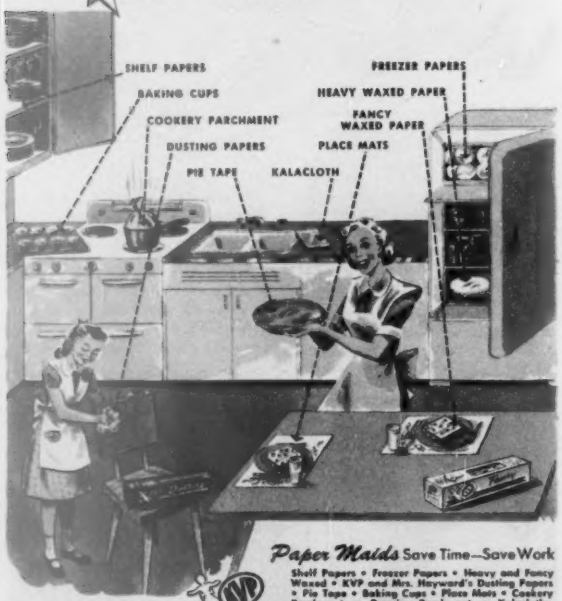

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Furniture arrangement

By Pearl Bank Steward

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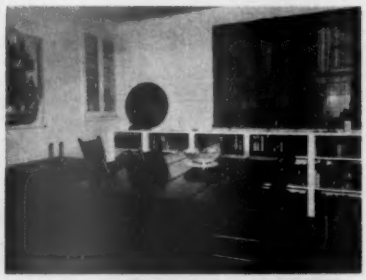
Your rooms may not be the right size—doors and windows may be placed wrong. Clever decorating and furniture arrangement can make them seem better-shaped. These pictures of the George Thompson home prove it. The Thompsons followed these rules:

1. Arrange for convenience first. Group your living-room furniture for conversation; dining-room furniture for easy serving; bedroom furniture for the kind of storage and work spots you'll need.

2. Make space count—even if you must block out an unused door or stand furniture in front of a window. Fill corners with usefulness; put the walls to work.

3. Clear traffic lanes so you'll be able to walk easily from one part of a room to another.

4. Keep color and pattern under control. Wise color-scheming can play down a room's small size or odd shape



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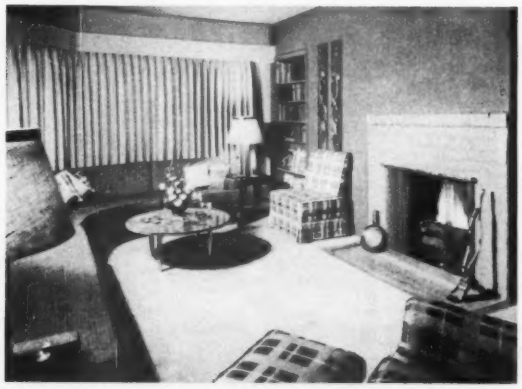
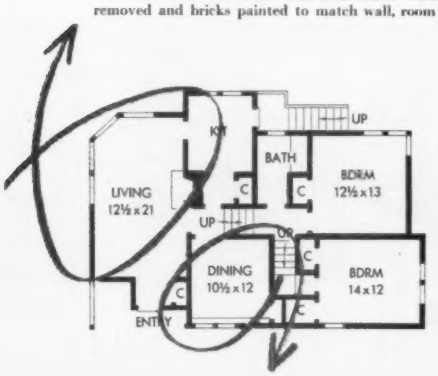


AFTER Curved sectional sofa fits well into space under oddly placed windows. Traverse draperies and connecting valance give windows smooth, unbroken look. Bookshelves fill doorway to kitchen and cut one traffic lane from room. With the mantel removed and bricks painted to match wall, room looks wider



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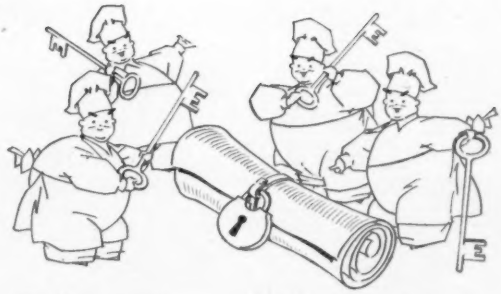
AFTER Off-center windows seem to call for off-center furniture arrangement. Moving the table against the wall and replacing chest with narrow side table makes the room look bigger and gives more space to walk around in. Candelabra and small ivy pots add interest to the blank wall. Decorator, Klaus Pfeffer



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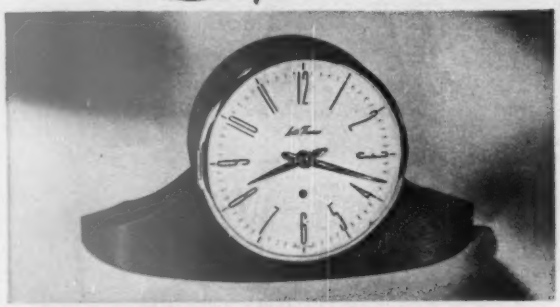

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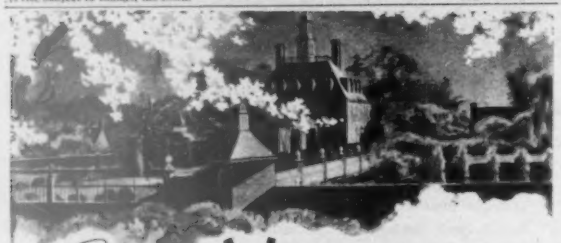

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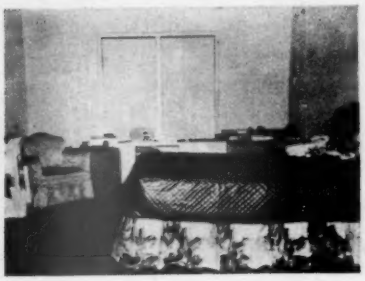

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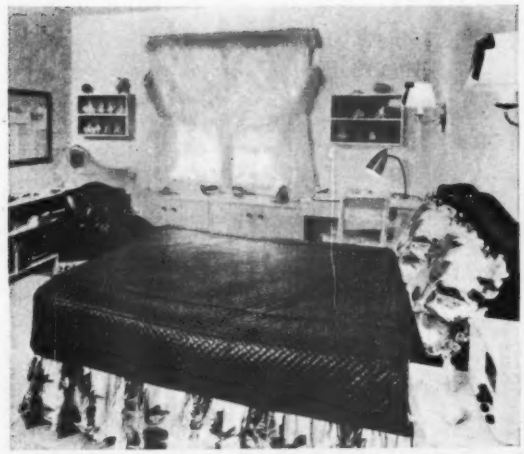
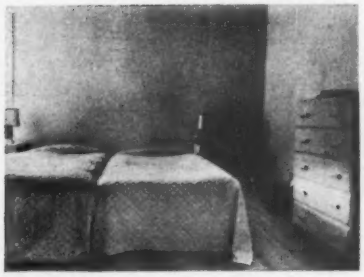
Storage furniture can be used along one wall or fitted into a corner. Arranged like this, it gives lots of desk, dressing table, and storage space for Mr. and Mrs. Thompson without reducing room size. Solid-colored walls, draperies, rug lend spaciousness to medium-sized room



AFTER Two walls of shelves and cabinets fit a lot of storage space into an average-sized bedroom. Painting walls and storage units the same light color makes the room look bigger. One flower pattern is repeated on dust ruffle, bed pillows, and chair ruffle — everything else in the room is made a spacemaking solid color



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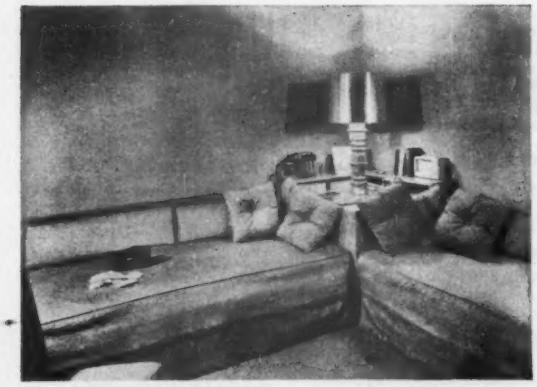
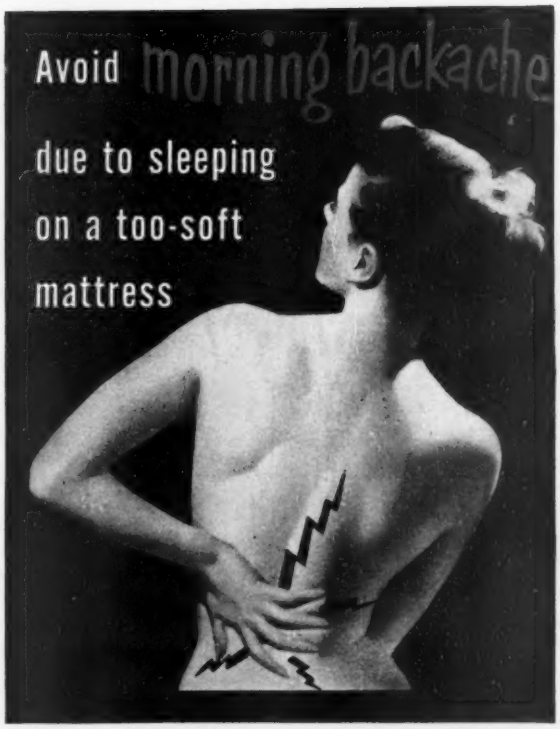


Twin beds turned at right angles to one another make a little space go a long way. And they clear the center of the room to give bedroom a bigger look. Beds are narrowed to comfortable sofa width with bolsters and pillows. Corner storage unit doubles as bookcase and end table



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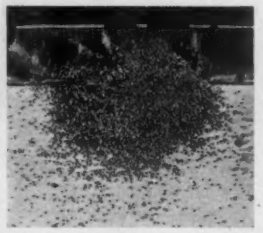

If you find pellets of digested wood like these when you dig into damaged wood, your house has been invaded either by non-subterranean termites or powder-post beetles.

Difference: Pellets of termites are concave; pellets of beetles aren't.

get rid of all untreated wood in contact with the ground. Remove dirt fill under porches and make sure that all crawl space is well ventilated. Put all supporting timbers on concrete bases, cap masonry foundations, and point up cracks in masonry.

As a supplement to these structural changes, poison the soil around the foundation of the house. Break down all earth shelter tubes, then dig a trench 15 inches deep and about the width of a spade around walls, piers, and vertical pipes. Next bore auger or crowbar holes down to the footings, 6 to 18 inches apart, depending on the sandiness of the soil. Using a watering can or hose, pour part of the poison (see below) into the trench, replace half the soil, pour in more poison, then put in the rest of the soil and the rest of the poison. Apply poisons only when soil is dry and use about a gallon per foot of foundation.

You can use any one of four poisons: 1 pound of sodium arsenate per gallon of water; 1 part of trichlorobenzene in 3 parts of fuel oil; 5 percent DDT in fuel oil, 5 percent pentachlorophenol in fuel oil; or a 2 percent emulsion of chlordane. These chemicals are poisonous to you and animals, and all but the chlordane will kill vegetation if used near the roots. Protect plants and trees by laying tar paper on the wall of the trench near shrubs. Use rubber gloves, and keep chemicals away from wells. Soil poisons should be effective for at least five years.

If you're building a new house, your best protection is termite shields—strips of corrosion-resisting metal carefully laid on foundation walls and piers. All joints must be sealed, or connected by impervious interlocking joints. Check joints yearly.

Never put any wood in direct contact with the soil unless it has been thoroughly impregnated with an effective preservative. Where wood is separated from the ground by a crawl space, that space should be vented through screened openings in the wall, 1 square foot of opening for every 25 linear feet of wall.

Non-subterranean termites, which require no contact with the earth for moisture, are a problem only in California and southern Florida. Best protections against them are tight construction, no greater than 20-mesh copper screens, and several coats of heavy paint on all outside wood. Dip all exposed timbers for three minutes in a 5 percent solution of pentachlorophenol in a light petroleum oil. If timbers are already in place, give them at least two coats of pentachlorophenol by brushing.

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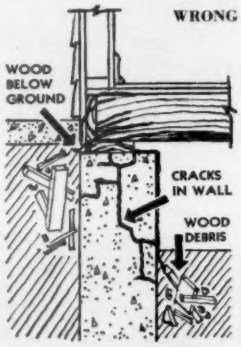
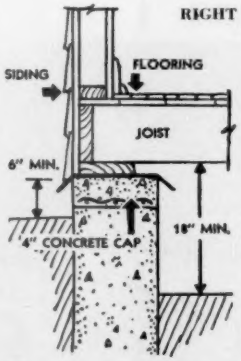


Here are sure ways to invite destructive insects into your home: Wood, paper, or cardboard left in the ground attracts termites. Wood that is moist or green or still has bark on it attracts borers.

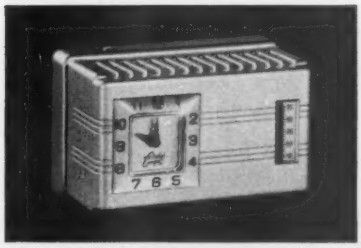
Termites enter through structural lumber in contact with the ground, and through cracks and voids in foundation walls. Borers crawl or fly in. Carpenter ants and powder-post beetles enter through cracks.



Here are ways to keep destructive insects out: Remove all wood debris, logs, and stumps, and keep your house tightly screened.

Make sure all wood is at least six inches aboveground, and that foundation walls are capped with concrete and a termite shield.

"Do you think they'll be insulted if you go and get my coat?"



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Tile-covered walls, metal cabinets, and plastic counter tops make kitchen cleaning a matter of a damp cloth. Linoleum in a terrazzo pattern curves up at toe space to eliminate dust-catching corners

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Inside wall has a cantilevered counter usable as a breakfast bar or serving shelf. Stools fit under it, out of the way. Storage space above is accessible from both the kitchen and dining room beyond

In a room where two walls have windows and third has closet space, one oversized dresser works better than two smaller ones. Large dresser also allows use of a large mirror to increase the apparent size of room. Pattern in wallpaper matches drapery and bedspread

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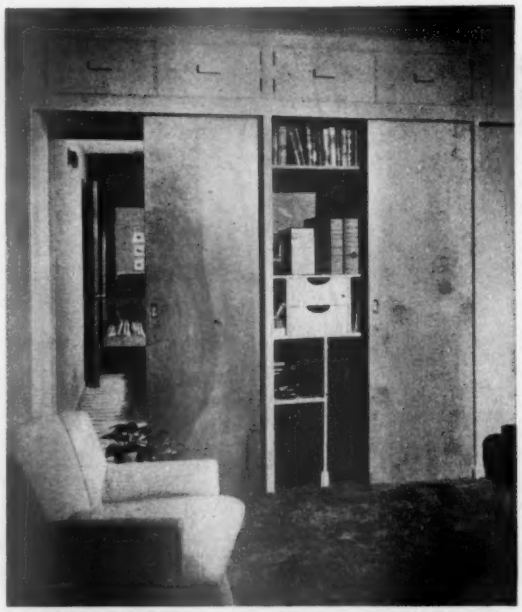

Hall space is kept to a minimum. Sliding doors in two bedrooms let you by-pass living room if you're going from kitchen to your bedroom. Niche between doors (see plan) can be used for open storage

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Huge stone chimney, screened living space, large uncovered terrace, and an irregular wall line keep the terrace side of the house as interesting as the front. Louvers in gable ends keep attic space cool

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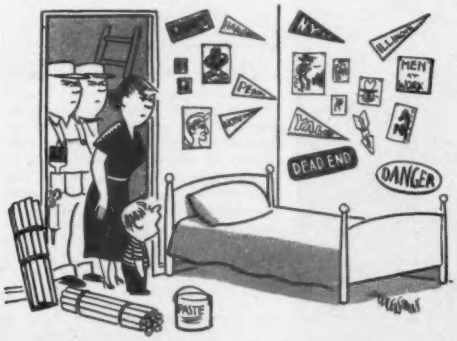

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A house should never look remodeled

By J. N. Morrissey

In any smooth remodeling job, the fewer the changes you make, the slighter those changes should be. A house should never look as if it had just been remodeled.

Take the Joseph Schilling home in Des Moines, Iowa, for example. Work to be done—and the Schillings decided to do it in two stages—included complete kitchen revision, expansion of living space, and general sprucing up outside.

Greatest improvement in looks wasn't structural at all. Simply by raising the grade 18 inches at the porch, then camouflaging remaining height with planting, the Schillings removed their house's double chin. Minor changes in main and dormer roofs smoothed out wrinkles in her brow.

Enclosure of the porch was the final touch. Blending perfectly with the character of the old house, it increased living space and let in light the old porch used to shut out. The entrance was put at the side, where it doesn't interfere with furniture arrangement around the big window with its view toward the park.

Just as improper air conditioning can make outside heat unbearable, too great a change from "before" to "after" can make a mess of a good remodeling possibility.

Before

Back in the thirties, the Schilling house looked like this. In those days, its big porch and shaggy dormer didn't seem out of style

After—first stage

Trimmed eaves, raised eave line, and a reshaped dormer revitalized upper half of house. A raised grade line, low, solid planting, simplified posts and railing, and new entrance at the side of the porch transformed the lower half. Tree nearest orginal porch was removed by man; birch-tree borer removed other

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After—second stage

Because the house faces south toward a well-traveled street, the porch was exposed. But to keep the view of the park across the street, to increase space livable all year round, and to brighten the living room, the porch was enclosed. Note how shutter panels are designed to harmonize with shape of windowpanes

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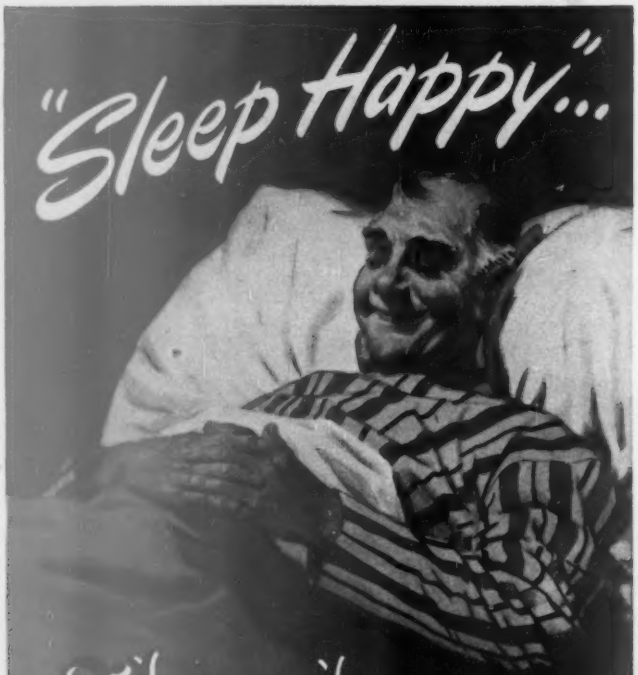

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Know where you stand with your sitter!

Here's what to look for and look out for in a baby sitter if you want peace of mind on your evenings out

By Robert J. Kelder

The teen-agers in your neighborhood are probably fine youngsters, but it might be a mistake to hire one of them to sit with your children. Luckily, a good sitter possesses characteristics which can be easily discovered.

If you know what to look for, a 10-minute interview is usually enough to tell you whether 16-year-old Mary will be a good sitter. Then you can go ahead and enjoy the evening out, without worrying about things at home.

Here's what you should look for in a sitter:

Does she have a sense of responsibility?

Some teen-agers look upon baby-sitting as a lark, or just as a way of making pocket money. A good sitter will listen to you attentively and ask questions, showing that she knows an emergency might develop and wants to be prepared.

Does she have a dignified appearance and personality?

Most girls in their late teens can look dignified if they try, and a baby sitter should. Children will cut up in the presence of a sitter who giggles at them. They'll stick to normal, easy-on-the-furniture games if their temporary boss gives the impression of being grown-up like their parents. This ability to command respect can be quickly detected in a sitter's facial expression, bodily carriage, and response to questions.

Does she like children?

Youngsters can usually tell whether or not grown people like them. If a sitter has a relaxed, warm personality, chances are children will react to the warmth and affection and will cooperate. Sitters who really *enjoy* playing games with children or reading them stories are the most successful.

Does she like quiet recreation?

Since your children will probably be put to bed long before you get home, there will be several hours during which the sitter must amuse herself. The ones who dislike quiet amusements such as listening to the radio (on low volume) or reading magazines are usually the ones who invite friends

Photograph: Harriet Arnold

A sitter who neglects her job is almost as bad as no sitter at all

in and thereby wake up and upset the children for hours.

But it's sometimes pretty hard to know all about a new sitter from one interview. If she seems to be all right and is well recommended, give her a trial. You can decide whether to have her again if she has met these tests:

Did she follow instructions?

If your children are small or if you have several things you want done, make a list. If Item 8 says to shut the window in Junior's room to an inch from the bottom, and she doesn't do it, don't hire her again. Carelessness in small matters may later become neglect in serious ones.

Did she tell you what happened while you were gone?

A sitter should be on the alert for hints of sickness, particularly coughs and sneezes. She should also tell you if Junior misbehaved, and should report all callers and telephone calls.

Did she mistreat your home?

Good sitters don't leave a path of magazines between the kitchen and the living room, strew phonograph records on the floor, roll up the rug for dancing, or raid the refrigerator.

Did she show good judgment in handling an emergency?

You don't have an emergency every time you're gone, but if Junior does cut his finger superficially, she should simply patch it up, not hysterically telephone you or an ambulance.

Did the children like her?

You can't discover this until the children wake the next day, but it's mighty important to know. Children obey someone they like and respect. They can be devilishly noncooperative if they don't like her.

When you know you have a "good" sitter, not just a sitter, you can embark on an evening out prepared to really enjoy it. You won't be stealing glances at the clock, half-wishing you hadn't come.

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Your pet and mine

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potent digestive juices so that stomachs did the "chewing," while the teeth simply tore food into chunks for hasty swallowing.

My dog, now 6 years old, drinks great quantities of water day and night, is then greatly distressed. What does this indicate?—W. W. P., Ohio.

An insatiable, constant desire for water usually heralds oncoming diabetes. Veterinary science has experimented with insulin in its treatment. Insulin combined with a carefully regulated diet has brought results reported as excellent. My suggestion is to have a veterinarian examine your dog and supervise necessary treatment.

We have two cats who are constantly troubled with fleas, despite our best efforts to rid them of the pests. What should we do?—Mrs. H. G. H., Alabama.

In your area, the parasite is very likely the "cat flea," which will also nip humans. As is the case with all fleas, the cat flea must be destroyed in the larvae stage, as well as the adult stage. During this time, they live on vegetable matter and can be found in cracks, crannies, and even on dirt or cinder floors in garages, chicken sheds, and other places where cats congregate. Spray such spots thoroughly with a *chlordane* solution, at the same time you dust the cats with pyrethrum powder. In 10 days, repeat the dusting and spraying. In dealing with fleas of all varieties, most people overlook the up-and-coming larvae, which are not interested in blood at the moment. But in a short time, they emerge as bloodthirsty adults.

Why are the ears and tails of certain breeds of dogs cropped?—J. E. T., West Virginia.

In different parts of the world, where dogs were trained as professional fighters or were used to track down wolves and wildcats, their ears and tails were cropped as a measure of protection. These appendages were the most easily seized and maimed in physical combat. Today, "parent" kennel clubs of the cropped breeds, who dictate physical standards, cling to these practices largely because of custom, though the claim is also made that such cropping adds to the trim appearance of the dog.

Our valuable Boxer was killed by a car a few days ago. I am thinking about suing the driver. Are there any special legal steps or provisions which favor a dog owner in actions of this kind?—S. J. S., Pennsylvania.

If the driver had ample opportunity to avoid hitting your dog in clear daylight, he is responsible, but you may need a witness or two to convince the court. At least, it's a big help. However, judges do not, as a rule, recognize high value in dogs. One hundred dollars seems to be the top limit awarded for killed dogs.

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Will your house be invaded?

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Inspect at least once a year for pellets which drop from eaten wood.

If your house has already been attacked, use the same methods described for powder-post beetles, or, using bellows, blow finely divided white arsenic or 50 percent DDT powder into auger holes bored into the termite galleries. A half-teaspoonful per hole is enough. The dust sticks to the termites' bodies, and they become poisoned because of their habit of licking each other.

Carpenter ants may either fly or crawl into the house. Since they attack decayed wood first, replace all rotting wood in foundation, porch, or sills, with preservative-impregnated wood. Have a tree surgeon operate on decayed sections of shade trees.

To kill small numbers of carpenter ants, use sweet-poisoned baits, such as honey and arsenic. You can buy special containers that ants can get in but dogs and cats can't reach. Put these where ants are crawling.

When there are a lot of ants, dust nests and runways with derris powder containing 4 percent rotenone, or with a dusting of 10 percent DDT powder, or spray with a solution of 1 to 2 tablespoonfuls of 40-50 percent chlordane in a gallon of water. Saturate any infested wood with a 5 percent solution of pentachlorophenol in fuel oil.

Powder-post beetles and old-house borers do more damage than all other wood-boring insects except termites. There are several types of beetles, but all have the same characteristics. The holes you find in the wood of antique furniture are made by one type.

To prevent damage, use no wood that still has bark on it, and use only dry, heartwood lumber. Give a brush coat of preservative to exposed structural timbers in attics, cellars, and crawl spaces. Be sure all attic or crawl-space vents are tightly screened.

Where wood has already been attacked and weakened, replace it with chemically preimpregnated timber. If the wood isn't too badly powdered, bore auger holes into the beetles' runways through the wood and inject under pressure 5 percent pentachlorophenol, or 1 part of trichlorobenzene in 3 parts of light petroleum oil. Fill holes with putty and refinish the eaten wood. Open all doors and windows so the odor of chemicals can get out. These liquids will burn your skin, so be careful.

These protective measures and remedies you can probably handle yourself. If you don't want to try, there are reputable companies everywhere whose business is to keep houses free from insect damage. They often use another method—fumigation for which they seal the house tightly with heavy paper and fill the house with gas until all insects are dead. But don't try it yourself.

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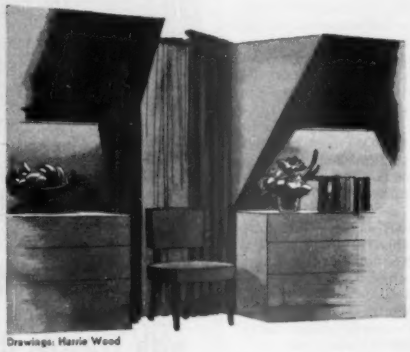
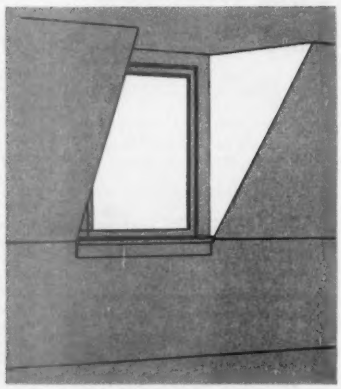
By Harrie and Marni Wood



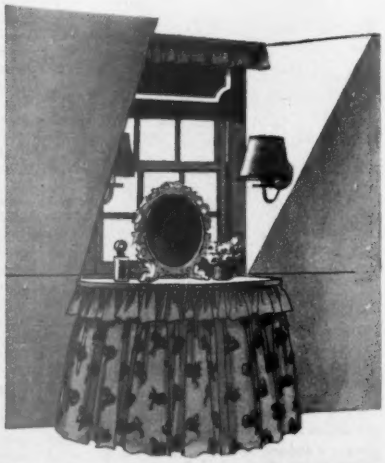
Drawings: Harrie Wood

Get a window seat and storage space simply by placing a chest under your dormer window. Criss-cross curtains of sheer organdy or plain net are trimmed with tailored ball fringe. The same fringe trims top of dormer in wallpaper-border fashion



How can you solve this decorating problem?

For a tailored look, flank your dormer with twin wardrobe chests and hang tailored, floor-length draperies over sheer ones. These swing back on hinged rods to let in light during the day



Make a dressing-table nook by placing a full-skirted dressing table under the dormer window. Use a dark window shade which harmonizes with the colors in the skirt fabric. White border on shade frames the dressing-table top when shade is pulled at night. Twin pin-up lamps light the dressing corner. Valance at top of window matches valance on the full dressing-table skirt

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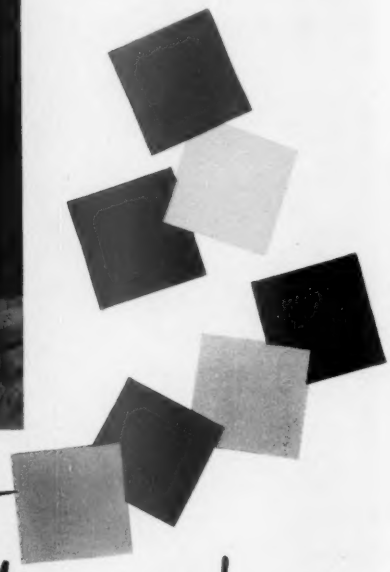

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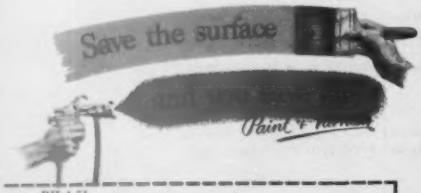

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What to do with a bank

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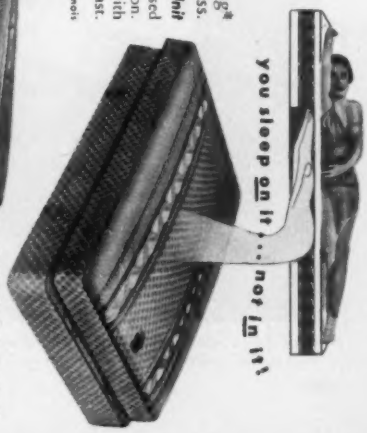

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Link interior with exterior by using the same materials inside and out, and by placing doors to give you quick access to the outdoors without upsetting furniture. Note the graceful roof line and the square porch posts, which are sturdy without looking too heavy

Place the entrance door where it will be easy to find. Here it is tucked into a quiet corner, protected from wind and rain, but in plain view from parking area

Ethel McCall Head

What makes a house good—good enough for you to see and read about in *Better Homes & Gardens?*

There are three considerations:

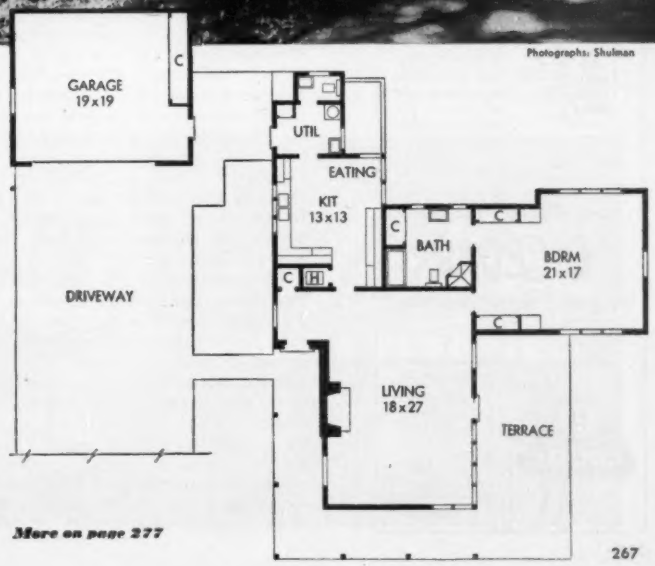
1. *The house must have a good floor plan.* Rooms that are used most should be easiest to get to. Quiet areas should be separated from noisy areas. Traffic should flow past, never through, living or work areas. And outside doors should be placed so it's easy to get outdoors.

2. *The house must have an attractive exterior.* Service and outdoor living areas should be completely separated. The front door should be easy to find. And the house should look comfortably at home in its setting.

3. *Details, both inside and out,* must be carefully worked out, and adapted not only to the style of house but to its owners.

Photographs: Shulman

An attractive exterior is a prerequisite of a good house. Here the low, languid lines of the ranch house and texture of roof and board-and-batten walls contrast with the fluid lines and texture of a huge oak. House was planned to suit this setting



These three points apply whether the house is traditional with 10 rooms, or ranch type with three, like the house you see here. Designed by Architects Harold Bissner and Harold Zook, A.I.A., for Dr. and Mrs. Earll Kinzer, it has all the attributes of the good house. You can get from one room to another quickly and easily, though hall space is limited. The noisy areas are in a wing extending away from both living and sleeping rooms. And there are four doors to take you outdoors.

As to an attractive exterior and careful detailing, the photographs on this page prove their importance. Change the shape of porch posts, division of glass areas, contrast between rough and smooth, between white and dark, and you have just another house.

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Photographs: Bowman

You can have your yogurt plain. Or you can flavor it with a natural sweet like honey. Or add a sprinkle of cinnamon from the shaker, a dash of brown sugar from the bowl. Or a spoonful of marmalade

By Alexander Steinberg

What is yogurt? It's nutritious milk transformed to "yogurt" by adding a special culture. It's smooth as custard, mildly tart, *fresh* tasting. You eat it with a spoon. "De-licious," say yogurt fanciers. And the number of yogurt fanciers is growing fast, because yogurt, they say, is giving them new pep and vitality. It's the "new edition of nature's most perfect food."

Yogurt's a "brand-new idea," but it's centuries old in the Old World. Yogurt's the Turkish word. In Armenian, yogurt is *matzoon;* Greek, *oxy-gala;* Syrian and Egyptian, *leben raib;* Balkan, *kisselo mleko;* Indian, *dadhi.*

The yogurt culture was named *bacillus bulgaricus* by Professor Illya Metchnikoff who succeeded Louis Pasteur as the director of the Pasteur Institute. He chose the name because he isolated the culture from Bulgarian yogurt. And yogurt, he claimed, was the outstanding reason for the hardiness and long life of the Balkan people. The professor received the Nobel Award for his work on yogurt.

You can make your own yogurt or order it in your favorite restaurant or hotel dining room. Or order it from your dairy. You make yogurt simply by putting a little of yesterday's yogurt in today's batch. In the Balkans, yogurt's [*Turn to page 270*

If you've made pineapple sherbet with buttermilk, you know how wonderful-tasting it is. It is still better if you use yogurt instead of the buttermilk

Top favorite of all is yogurt with luscious fresh fruit. Here it's a bowl of big red-ripe strawberries with fresh, cool yogurt spooned over. Now try that!

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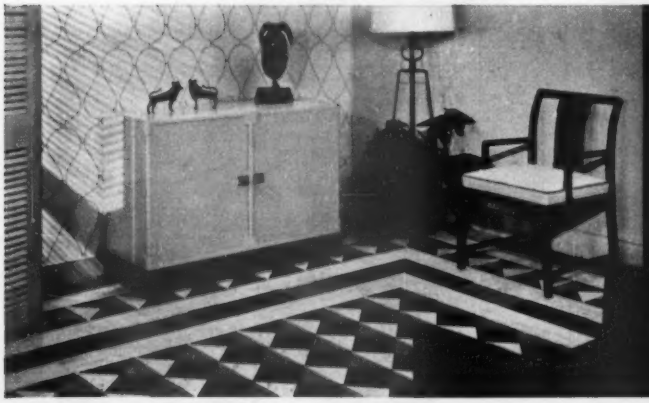

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YOGURT *Begins on page 268*

eaten daily—morning, noon, and night—by the bowlful.

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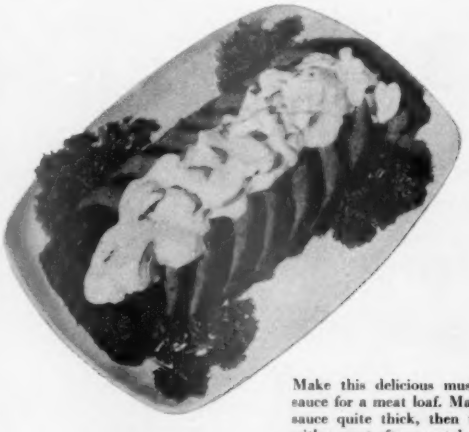
A true yogurt fancier eats yogurt, cool and fresh, right out of the jar. You can sweeten it with sugar (brown or maple sugar) and enjoy it for dessert. Or use honey or preserves. See first picture, page 268.

Yogurt's delicious in cold soup, cold beverages, and cold desserts. But it shouldn't be used in any recipe in which food has to be heated to 118 degrees or more, because the high temperature destroys the beneficial bacteria in the yogurt culture. See delicious ways you can serve yogurt, below.



Make this delicious mushroom sauce for a meat loaf. Make the sauce quite thick, then thin it with yogurt after you take sauce *off the heat*. Don't cook the yogurt

Add a fruit syrup to yogurt for a fruity drink. Here we added raspberry syrup for lovely color and fresh flavor

Pour yogurt over baked potato; mix it with a fork. Sprinkle with chopped green onions. The specialty of a famous eating place

Yogurt's in a honey-almond sauce here. Just sweeten the yogurt with golden honey, stir in shredded, toasted almonds, and serve the sauce over a bowlful of tender fruit gelatine. Sprinkle with almonds

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Lawson suite covered in beautiful and exciting new Boltaflex Fern Leaf pattern

One last bit of advice to girls who really know men!

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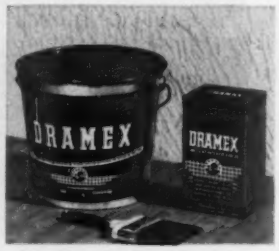

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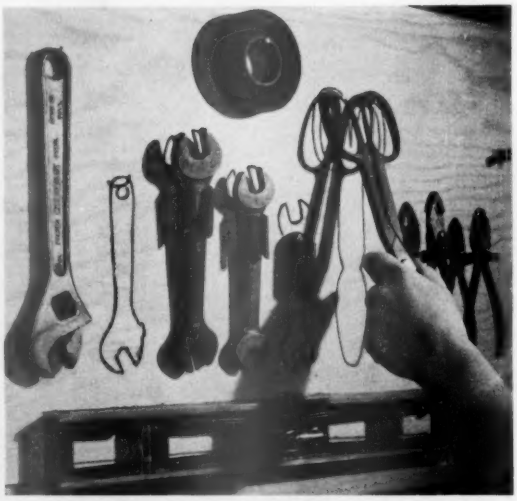


Tool panel. Let frequency of use determine position of tools on a wall-mounted panel of ¾-inch plywood. Devise a hanger for each tool, then outline with soft lead pencil to permit quick identification

Here are tips to help you organize tools and supplies for better work

By Hi Sibley

There are as many ways of keeping a home workshop neat and orderly as there are men who own them. The secret lies not in costly accessories, but in a sort of inventive know-how with nails, screws, cup hooks, wood strips, and any other handy material.

The fact that there are innumerable solutions does not lessen the importance of the problem. You can't do good work in a junky workshop. A clutter of odds and ends will slow your production, lessen the quality of your work, and may actually be hazardous.

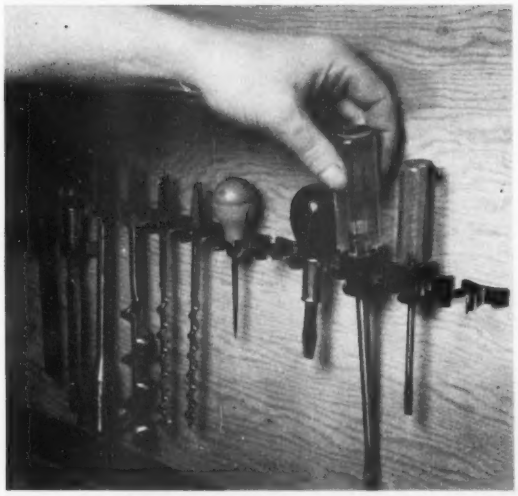
Your shop storage needs boil down to finding convenient, easily inventoried, and *regular* places to put tools, supplies of hardware, lumber, and paint, and waste materials. With these under control, through the use of hanging panels, shelves, cupboards, and containers, you'll have a neat workshop.

Here is a collection of handyman tips that will help you solve your shop storage problems.

There is one further word of warning that most craftsmen would underline. Make a point of doing a good cleanup job at the *end* of each work session. If you do, you will find it a lot easier and more pleasant to get back to work the next time.

(For tips on solving other shop problems, see "How to Plan a Home Workshop," February, 1951, *Better Homes & Gardens*, page 62, and "How to Expand Your Workshop," March, 1951, *Better Homes & Gardens*, page 158. **Next month, How to make a workbench more workable.**)

your workshop



Handy clips. Inexpensive adjustable clips bring quick order to a tool board. Edged tools are kept from dulling contact with other surfaces. The more you tighten center screw, the harder clip grips

Plane storage. To keep a plane in good working order, you have to baby it. Here is a simple slotted rack that does the job. It holds the tool firmly, yet keeps it ready for instant use. If you store your plane on a shelf, lay it on its side. Or cover shelf with cork or felt to avoid dulling. Note use of screws in background as a rack for an electric drill; screws will not work loose

Photographs, Stanley

Saw rack. It pays to condense your tool board. Saws hung flat steal much useful space. Instead, make a slotted rack like this. Gravity holds saws in place; teeth are protected. Use slotted racks, too, if you store saws in a drawer. Note cupboard in background. It provides dust-tight storage space, can be locked to keep children away from your tools

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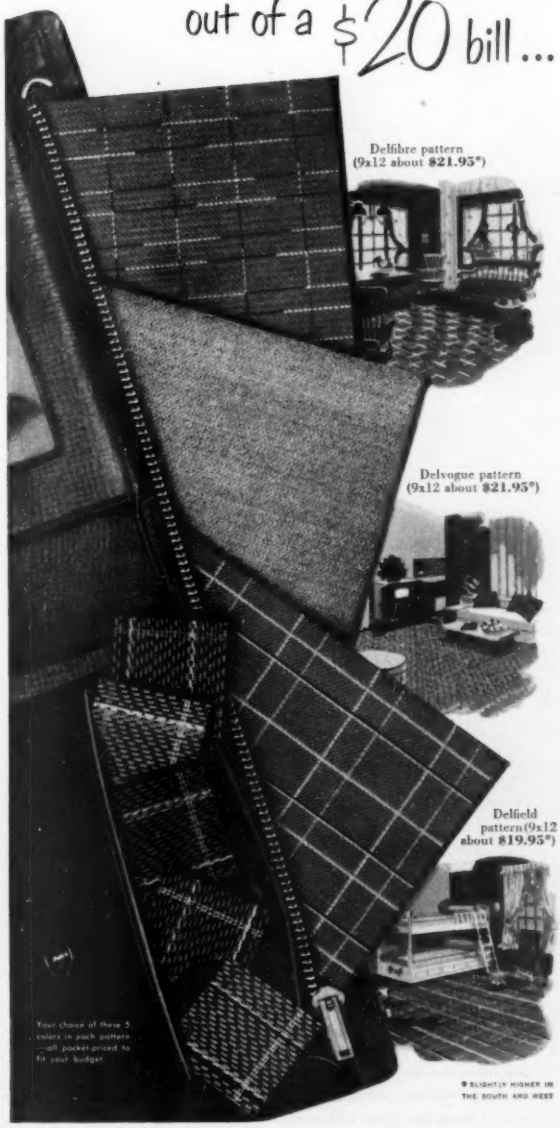

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Ban clutter from your workshop

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Wide-bladed tools. Those awkward trowels and putty knives can be stored efficiently in a slotted rack like this. It is simply a strip of ¾-inch plywood, with one ply cut away at intervals to make space for the thin blades to slip in

Build your own. Homemade racks can serve you well. This one is a length of 2x4 mounted on a cupboard door. Tools fit in holes drilled in the block or notches cut in the back. Or cut holes and slots near the front edge of a handy shelf

Thongs. Still another good way to rack tools is pictured. It's easy to tack a flexible thong at intervals to form loops of the proper size. Use a strip of leather, tough fabric, or, as here, a length of rubber cut from an old garden hose

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Details should be clean-cut, both inside house and out. Fixed-glass areas are carefully scaled to match both size of living room and shape of exterior wall they're part of

This end of the living room carries much of the traffic through the house, must be left unobstructed by furniture. The Kinzers have used this old pine cupboard to break the expanse of wall space and serve as room's end focal point

Bedroom serves also as an extra sitting room when the occasion demands. Center section of ceiling is raised to allow cove space for indirect lighting tubes. A pair of closets and built-in chests with clapboard-like drawer fronts flank doors to the bath and living rooms

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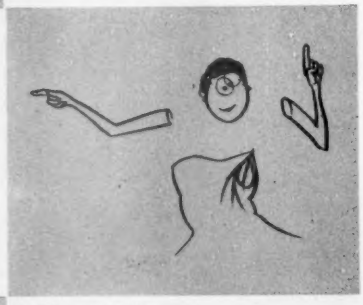
When you can't seem to get things done

Even if you're a chronic putter-offer, you may not be so far gone but what this article can help you

What's the use?

Scared to start

Lethargic



Disorganized

Indecisive

Let George do it

No one can get down to work when his pencils need sharpening

By O. Spurgeon English, M. D., and Constance J. Foster

It bothered Jim Porter because he kept postponing odd jobs that he used to tackle with gusto and dispatch. The storm windows didn't get painted and put away last year. The porch floor needed painting. The garden got pretty well taken over by weeds.

"I'll do it tomorrow," he kept promising himself about all these neglected chores. But he didn't.

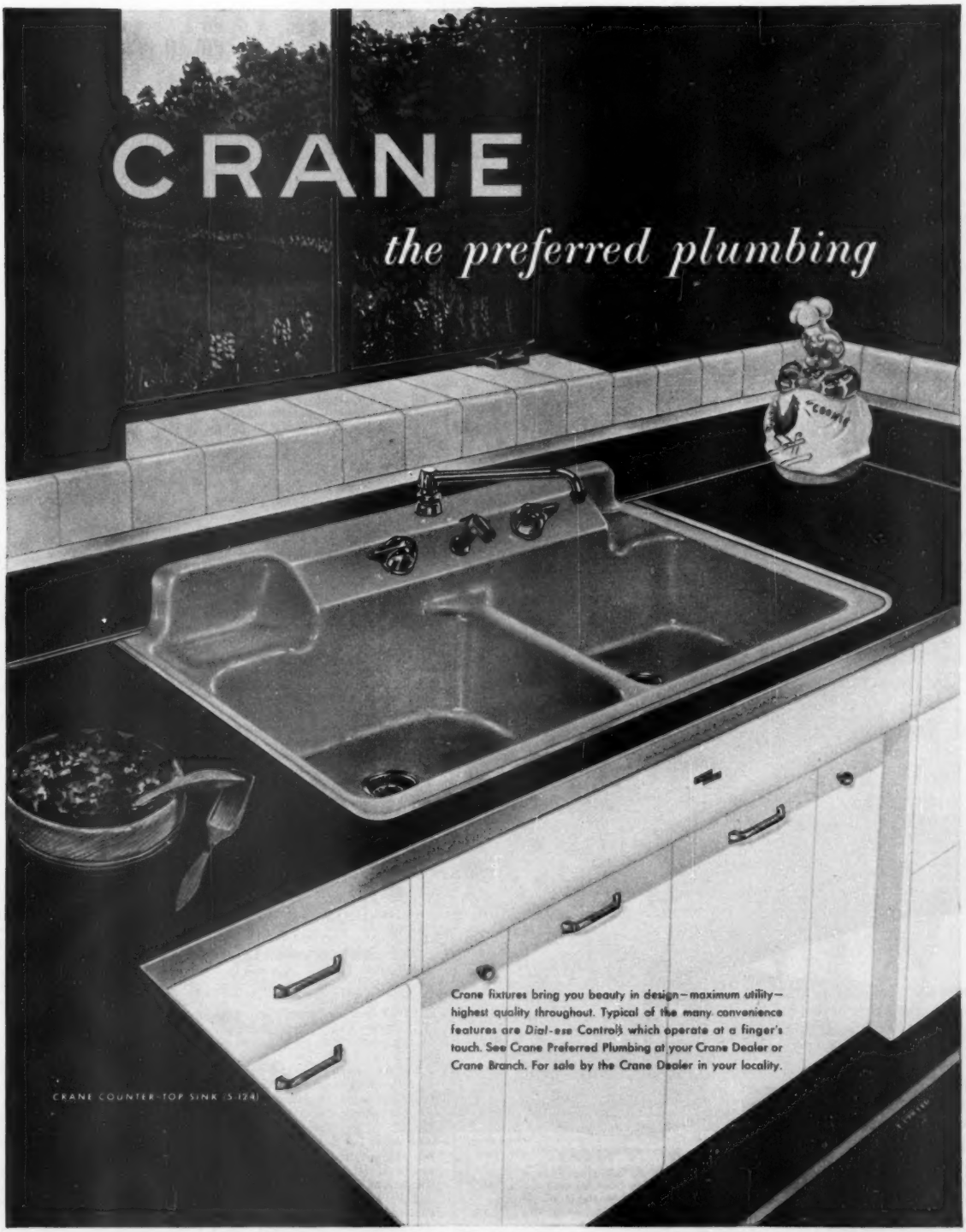
When a person has always been a hustler, not given to putting things off, there is apt to be a real *physical* reason for his procrastination. In Jim's case, a visit to his doctor turned up the cause. A sluggish thyroid wasn't doing its stuff. A tiny pill, taken daily, is rapidly restoring Jim's old pep.

Often there is a sound physical basis for apparent laziness —some such thing as aging, a failing heart, tuberculosis, or organic disease of one sort or another. But this is apt to be a valid excuse only when the individual has previously been a responsible, punctual person, one not given to putting off the proverbial stitch in time.

Most procrastinators fall into quite a different category. Far from being caused by a glandular slowdown or vitamin lack, *chronic* inability to get things done on time is more often due to faulty habits and emotional attitudes acquired in childhood.

Instead of low energy, the procrastinator's trouble is likely to be energy that is blocked or misapplied. As one woman recently told us in an honest moment, "If I put half as much effort into sailing into my spring house cleaning as I do in finding excuses for not starting it, I'd have the cleanest house in town!"

The joker in all this is that few of us really *enjoy* putting things off when they need doing. We don't get any pleasure out of postponing our chores and [*Turn to page 280*



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When you can't seem to get things done

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responsibilities. Procrastination is more than a thief of time. It is a thief of our self-respect and good opinion of ourselves as well. It nags at us and spoils our fun. Beset by a gnawing conscience over the letter we owe, the checkbook we ought to balance, the lawn we ought to mow, our enjoyment of the golf game we are playing instead is considerably diminished.

Worse still, our available energy for living happily and efficiently is lowered by the inner conflict that's caused by laziness or neglect of obligations. It's a little like postponing a badly needed ring job on your car. The motor's ability to function smoothly, economically, and without friction keeps getting worse.

Just about all of us put off doing a disagreeable job once in a while. You wouldn't be human if you didn't. So don't begin to feel guilty or on the defensive if you postponed washing the dishes or waxing the car in order to sit down and read this article. Relax instead and find out what makes people that way. Even if you aren't a putter-offer yourself, chances are strong that you have one among your friends or in your immediate family.

No one is *born* lazy, the way people are born with large noses, or green eyes, or genes and chromosomes that make for tallness or shortness. You can't blame heredity for this tendency to "let George do it."

"My grandfather was the laziest man in Polk County," one man insists stoutly, "and I'm just like him."

"Stuff and nonsense," answers modern psychiatry. "You're rationalizing, mister."

No one inherits the tendency to sit around twiddling his thumbs, whittling wood, doodling, or letting the grass grow under his feet. *He becomes that way because it was made pleasant or profitable in his early years.* He isn't naturally indolent or apathetic. He is made so by what happens to him in childhood.

Take yourself, for instance. If you're a chronic procrastinator, the probabilities are strong that your folks did more for you than they should have when you were small. Maybe your mother fed you too long and discouraged your first attempts to grab a spoon for fear you'd smear the oatmeal all over yourself. Perhaps she lost patience waiting for you to struggle into your own clothes and said, "Come here; let me do it for you. Your breakfast is getting cold, and you're putting all the buttons in the wrong holes."

It seemed easier for your folks to pick up after you than make you responsible for putting your toys away yourself. They hung up your coat and hat for you, and put away your rubbers and mittens. By the time you were 5 or 6, you were thoroughly accustomed to all this service and found it pretty attractive. Never having been "sold" on the idea of cooperation, initiative, and discharging your obligations promptly, you came to have little or no "feeling" for these things. Having failed to receive approval when you were young for punctuality, orderliness, and usefulness, it is small wonder that later you found it more pleasant to sit back and let George do it.

Furthermore, by insisting on doing everything themselves, the adults in your life implied that their way was faster, better, and more desirable than yours. You may have carried this evaluation of your present efforts into your grown-up life. It makes you hesitate to tackle things lest your results prove inferior in the eyes of others. You tend to put things off because you fear that people will not be impressed with your efforts, or may criticize you or tell you that they or someone else could have done them better.

If all this reads like a case history of *your* personal problem, it still isn't too late to do something about it. Important as it is to *understand* yourself, you'll never get anywhere if you merely shrug your shoulders and say, "That's the way I am. My folks made me that way, and there's nothing I can do about it now."

There is always great hope in facing reality, admitting your faults honestly, and trying to cope with them bravely and forthrightly. It isn't quite as easy or painless to correct warped emotional attitudes as you might wish. But if you are game to try, you have an excellent

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ROOMS THAT SING OF AN EARLY SPRING!

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Tulip-Bright Chairs lend springtime cheer to this versatile little table that's perfect for breakfast, brunch or lunch—opens out to seat 6 for dinner—and moves into the living room for cards when company comes. Wonderful space-saver for small apartments and little rooms. Like all Daystrom tables, it's tidily topped with Daystromite. And every inch is washable—chromed surfaces, Wonder Top, even the blossom-bright upholstery.

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1 *tablesp. LEA & PERRINS Worcestershire Sauce*

Combine all ingredients. Ground beef is best handled lightly —otherwise cakes become too compact. Shape gently into 6 cakes. Sauté in a little hot fat in a skillet for about 3 min. on each side, or until of desired rareness. Makes 6 servings. Nancy Sasser says that the success of this prize recipe depends on LEA & PERRINS Sauce, the *original* Worcestershire.

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SOMERSET

"Any other time, you'd tell them to wait outside!"

When you can't seem to get things done

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chance of succeeding. Unless you're really mixed up, you won't need outside help.

Roger L., for instance, has done a fine job of reforming his yen for procrastination without calling in a doctor. Roger's business affairs were badly muddled by his fondness for putting off until tomorrow what he could—and should—have done today. He was a good salesman, but he kept postponing calls on difficult prospects. The result was that a rival firm got their business. At home, he was always in hot water. The climax came when his house burned down. Roger discovered that he had let the insurance lapse the previous month.

He was finally shocked into doing something about his carelessness. He didn't waste time blaming his past, although it was probably responsible in large measure for a personality that made it difficult for him to do things on time.

"What's past is past," he decided. "I was an only son and pretty badly spoiled. But that's water over the dam. Meantime I'm only 35, with most of my life still ahead of me. It's up to me, I guess, if I want to make it happier and more efficient. No one else can do it for me."

Here is what Roger did. You can do it, too, if you've found that procrastination doesn't pay off in the long run:

1. Outline your plan on paper, stating what you want to change, and jotting down steps toward your goal.

For instance, to start with, Roger indicated simply: "Set the alarm half an hour earlier each morning, so I can get a head start on the day's work." A day or two later he added: "Dictate every morning until I've cleared all current correspondence." At the end of the week, his notebook carried this entry: "Stop sharpening pencils as an alibi for not making decisions on ticklish problems."

2. Confide your plan for self-improvement to a friend.

Roger confided this to Tom, with whom he had lunch once a week. Tom was sympathetic, for they had roomed together in college, and he knew how hard it was for Roger to stick to a job and see it through. Tom acted as a sort of friendly truant officer. For instance, he suggested a small bet on something he knew Roger dreaded tackling. Sure enough, Roger lost. But the slight penalty involved, plus his hurt pride, made him win the next time. Roger found that it helps to have someone checking up on you, encouraging you when you fail, and praising you when you make progress.

3. Enlist the aid of your wife or husband.

Roger discovered that it's much easier to work for or with your mate than all alone. When you try to improve all by yourself, you run the risk of making easy excuses for your failures or slipping into self-indulgence. You are more likely to come to your goals when you have the one you love rooting for you.

4. Don't try to improve everything at once.

Roger took heart when he learned that even Ben Franklin was satisfied to correct only one failing at a time. Instead, Roger attempted a gradual mending of his ways and made allowance for the fact that change takes time. He had taken a long time getting to *be* a good procrastinator, and he didn't expect to get over it in a week. He knew that if he could see definite

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progress in six months, he'd be doing well.

5. Remember that breaking bad habits is not altogether painless.

It hurts at times, as bad as a toothache, but it's a little hurt which most people would rather avoid. That's why so few of us change much as we get older. Yet you can comfort yourself that every twinge means a victory has been won.

6. Reward yourself.

Even a trained seal won't perform if he doesn't get a fish at the end of the act. Roger blew himself to seats to the Penn Relays when he landed a big contract that he probably would have lost through procrastination a year ago.

Putting things off may not seem as serious as some more glaring habit like losing your temper easily, worrying yourself sick, or being moody and depressed. That's because it's a *negative* vice and consists of *not* doing *anything*. The police are more likely to be out looking for you if you do something you shouldn't than if you *don't* do something you should.

The things you put off doing are often such little ones that you can kid yourself into thinking they're unimportant. What if you don't fix the light switch today, tackle the stubborn business prospect, or call up for that dental appointment you dread? Tomorrow is always another day. But add them all up, and the total of wasted time, effort, and convenience is staggering.

It's the sins of omission—the things we should have done and didn't—that cause us the greatest grief and pain. Joe was going to stop off on his trip West and look in on an old friend to whom he owed a lot of past favors. He put off doing it on the way out, telling himself he'd surely take time for it on the return journey. But by that time, it was too late ever to see his old friend again. When he reached the coast, a telegram was waiting for him, telling him of Sam's sudden death.

It's the vote you *don't* cast that brings the wrong men into office, the letters you *don't* write to your congressmen that let bad laws get passed, the flowers you *don't* send and the kindnesses you *don't* do that let family misunderstandings swell into unhappiness.

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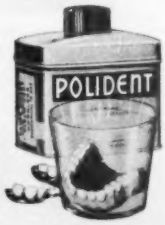

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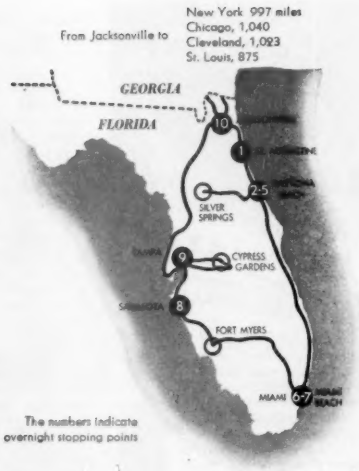

Family time in Florida

You can afford it, but you can't forget it!

The best thing in Florida is free—the ever-present ocean

By E. K. Lockwood

If you're like most ordinary Americans, you've always dreamed of going to Florida. But, like a lot of them, you've never gone. Florida, you've sighed, is a great place for movie stars and tired businessmen who can afford to loll in private cabanas in front of a $40-a-day hotel. It's not, you've told yourself, for families on an average vacation budget. And besides, you can't get away in the winter.

Well, you're partly right. Florida *has* catered to the big spenders, the yacht and limousine crowd, the horse followers, and the spenders on expense accounts. But it's a big state, and there are 12 months in the year. Florida has finally discovered that *families* take vacations, too. And this summer, more families than ever before will discover Florida.

There's no spot in the United States where you can buy more entertainment, relaxation, and good old-fashioned fun for your money. Once you're there, $260 [*Turn to page 286*

"Oldest house," believed to date from 1599, 21 years before Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, is, along with old fortress, Castillo de San Marcos, top historic attraction in St. Augustine, oldest city in United States. Flags are four that have flown over St. Augustine: Spanish, British, Confederate, and United States. Surreys are best way to see town

Flamingos and Seminole Indians at Ross Allen's Reptile Institute are added attractions at Silver Springs after glass-bottom boat ride and jungle cruise down Silver River, which bubbles from cave 50 transparent feet down, at rate of 500,000,000 gallons a day

Miles and miles of beaches—they make up most of Florida's coastline—range from close-in, well-patrolled playgrounds like public beaches at Miami Beach (above) to quiet, deserted stretches of white sand where you can hunt for shells, gather driftwood, picnic, and have the whole Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico to yourself. Newly developed Crandon Park on Key Biscayne at Miami has budget-priced cabanas for rent by the day

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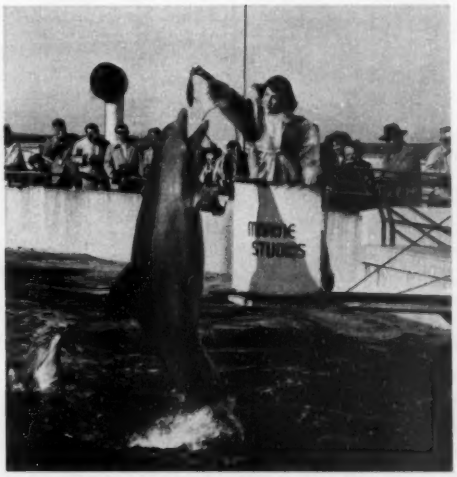
"No trespassing" sign on island at St. Augustine Alligator Farm, world's largest, seems rather superfluous to most visitors. Though alligators are far from extinct along Florida's jungle rivers and cypress swamps, and can sometimes be seen in their native state, your best bet, if you want to really get a close-up, is to visit one of the alligator farms or reptile gardens



Old stuff to hungry porpoise, but thrill of a lifetime to lucky young visitor invited to help with feeding at Marine Studios on coast highway north of Daytona Beach. Below water's surface, sharks, barracuda, and giant rays stare fishy-eyed through 200 portholes

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Florida is one of the easiest regions to reach—whether you drive or travel by train, bus, or plane.

And unlike a lot of vacation areas, Florida is also a vacation for the fellow who *drives the car*. It presents no mountain grades, no rugged passes, no treacherous curves, no heavy traffic, except in the larger cities.

What can you do to have a good time in Florida in the summer? Just about what you'd do in the winter. Florida's coastline is practically *all* beach, so, of course, swimming and sunbathing are at the top of the preferred list—with sight-seeing a close second, fishing and boating, runners-up. Florida's beaches are uncrowded in the summer—first, because there are so many of them, and, second, because so many people have yet to discover what a bargain Florida offers for family vacationists.

Florida is not only surrounded on three sides by water; it has 30,000 lakes, dozens of rivers and streams. Nearly all give you fresh-water fishing if you prefer it to the deep-sea variety or the surf. No license is required for salt-water fishing; you can buy a special 10-day fresh-water permit for $2.25.

Florida's famous springs are like nothing you'll see anywhere else in the world. You'll see two of the most famous, Silver Springs and Weekiwachee, on this 10-day tour. And there's the mysterious, unbelievable St. Johns River, which you're likely to see in several places before you get very far into Florida. The St. Johns rises in a tiny swamp called Helen Blazes near Melbourne, flows through a chain of lakes, to emerge at Jacksonville, a wide, navigable river on which a whole fleet of ships could lie at anchor without bumping a bow.

You'll see handsome beach homes all the way down the east coast, and drive past millionaire's estates at Palm Beach, with its New York shops gathered together in a small, tropical shopping center.

You'll thrill to the skyline of Miami Beach, whose 365 spectacular hotels stretch for miles in the most dazzling display of modern architecture in North America.

And, as a sort of guide to seeing the best in Florida, there is a Florida Attractions Association. Of course, *all* the worthwhile attractions in Florida aren't members of the association, but you will be sure to get your money's worth at any of the places that display the association's sign. Eleven out of the 20 member attractions are included in this tour.

It will be warm and humid from the middle of June until the middle of September, but humidity in Florida doesn't mean the same thing it does in most places. What is generally termed humidity in Florida is really atomized sea water, and it's one of Florida's health-building assets. The west coast is 10 to 12 degrees warmer than the east coast. There will be tropical rains of short duration, usually late in the afternoon, but streets and highways dry quickly, and no rain clothes are needed.

Cottons, washable sheers, seersuckers, and similar lightweight clothing should make up the entire family's wardrobe. Only the lightest wraps—if any—will be needed.

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fascinating to drive on for 19 miles from Ormond Beach to lighthouse at Port Orange. Wide, shallow beach is wonderful for kids

Jacksonville is a good point from which to start, whether you enter Florida from Georgia via U. S. 1 or U. S. 17. Highway 90 from the west will be cut up with detours this summer, making going rough and unpleasant in spots.

Or you can by-pass Jacksonville on the new toll road, "The Buccaneer Trail" by turning east at Callahan on Highway 1, or Yulee on Highway 17.

The Buccaneer Trail itself starts 3 miles south of Fernandina (toll for road and ferry, $1), and takes you down Amelia Island to Coastal City, across the Nassau River on a long, sleek concrete bridge, down Talbot Island to Fort George. Out of Fort George, you cross the St. Johns River over a ferry, and enter Mayport. Below Mayport you follow A1A—no longer a toll road—into Neptune Beach, and on down to St. Augustine. This is spectacular jungle country, and is said to still harbor millions of dollars in hidden pirate treasure!

But if you prefer to stick to Highways 1 or 17, and drive into Jacksonville, you can take A1A out of the city to Neptune Beach, and continue south to St. Augustine. In fact, if you like endless vistas of blue surf, whitecaps, and wide beaches, you'll want to follow A1A all the way to Daytona Beach, and get back on it as soon as possible after you leave Daytona.

This coastal drive is one long scenic thrill, with the inland waterway to the right of the highway, the silver-blue Atlantic to the left. You'll see miles of palmettos; acres and acres of frowsy-headed cabbage palms; and great patches of wind-bent trees arching over sand dunes. And wherever there is water in Florida—and that's almost everywhere—you'll see long-legged birds, lots of them, wading about or standing idly at the water's edge in the tules, or clumps of grass. They'll probably be cranes or herons, and perhaps an egret in the most isolated stretches. On the shore, sandpipers run about stiff-legged ahead of the waves, and of course, there'll be sea gulls and pelicans, the latter slow-moving on land, but veritable dive bombers when they spot a fish.

On this road there will be giant oaks and stately cypress trees draped in folds and ropes of gray Spanish moss—which is an air plant, not a fungus growth. And around beach homes and settlements, you'll see vivid bougainvillaea, crotons, and hibiscus in great splashes of red, pink, yellow, and green.

First day:

St. Augustine is 52 miles below Jacksonville on A1A. Here's the nation's oldest city, trying to live up to its reputation—and doing it! The narrow streets, which you enter through ancient gates, and the quaint old buildings are much as they were in the days of Spanish rule. There are 45 attractions listed by the Chamber of Commerce, and your first move upon getting into town should be to drive to the Chamber of Commerce and ask for a free copy of their *Visitor's Guide*. With it you can find all of the landmarks, in your own car or on foot. Really to taste the flavor of this historic city, though, you should see it from a "surrey with the fringe on top," your guide a drawling Negro driver in battered, old stovepipe hat. This buggy ride is sure to delight the children, and it isn't expensive—$3 an hour for four people. This is for a *one*-horse surrey. Two horses cost more.

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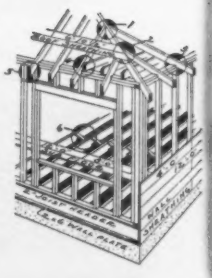

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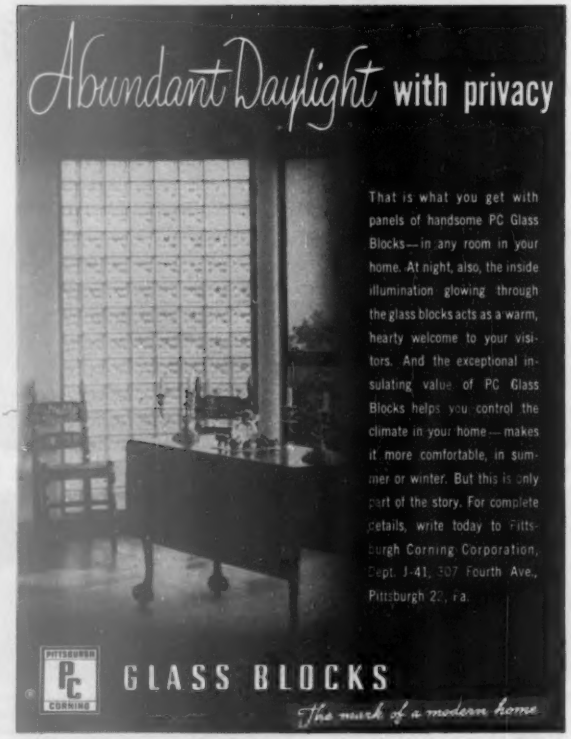

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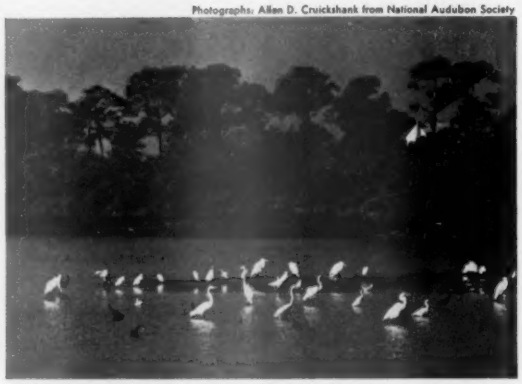

Thicker than blackbirds up North, long-legged, long-billed cranes and herons wade and fish by roadsides throughout southern Florida

The Chamber of Commerce is located in the fabulous old Alcazar Hotel, erected in 1889 by Henry M. Flagler, the man who built the Florida East Coast Railway and endowed St. Augustine with three enormous Spanish-Moorish-style hotels. The ornate Ponce de Leon still operates in the winter. In the one-time Alcazar, you'll find the Lightner Museum of Hobbies, one of the "musts" of your St. Augustine expedition. Since you're going to the Chamber of Commerce anyway, you may as well see this attraction first.

The Lightner Museum of Hobbies, now city-owned, contains not only the largest collection of hobbies in the world, but the most amazing. Here you'll see chandeliers that were sent to Emperor Maximilian of Mexico as a wedding gift. There are immense displays of marble statues, dolls, antiques, porcelain, chinaware, old typewriters and musical instruments, minerals, coins, stamps, aprons, umbrellas, hats, costumes, buttons, valentines, pianos, and cigar-store Indians—in fact, practically anything and everything you can think of! There is an admission charge of 70 cents for adults, and 35 cents for children. O. C. Lightner, former publisher of *Hobbies* magazine, who brought the collection to St. Augustine, is buried in the courtyard.

St. Augustine's prize historical attraction is the "oldest house," set in an attractive garden, with detached Spanish kitchen and an adjoining historical museum. The house, with its thick walls of coquina shell—a marine deposit of shell and sand—is an "original" building, believed to have been erected about 1599. It has housed many families—and actually existed under four flags—yet there is a pleasant, livable air about it even today. There's a 35-cent admission charge.

Another historical prize in St. Augustine—definitely another *must*—is the Castillo de San Marcos, the amazing old fort just off Marco Avenue and U. S. Highway 1. It's an excellent example of Spanish fortifications of the period, complete with moat and sentry box, and a dark dungeon you can peer into. Climb to the roof for a view of the city and visualize what the fort meant to St. Augustine of the 1700's—when it stood firm against attacks of hostile Indians. In 1740, Governor James Oglethorpe of Georgia besieged the fort for 38 days, but was forced to withdraw. Another attempt by the English in 1743 also resulted in failure, and St. Augustine remained under Spanish rule until 1763.

Florida became a possession of the United States in 1821, and Castillo de San Marcos again became active in 1835 at the start of the Seminole War. In 1837, Osceola, famous half-breed Seminole, one of the white man's bitterest foes, was captured and imprisoned in the fort. The fort's a national monument now, and there is a 10-cent admission charge.

You won't be in St. Augustine long before you will have to decide just how much of this vast panorama of history you are going to try to see. After St. Augustine, you won't get your history in such large chunks, and there will be more variety in the things you'll see. You'll come to the St. Augustine Alligator Farm after you cross the "Bridge of Lions" and head south again on A1A. You'll see alligators and crocodiles later on at Silver Springs, but if you think Florida isn't Florida *until* you've seen an alligator, this is a good place to get acquainted.

It will be warm in St. Augustine. If you stay in town, look for an air-conditioned hotel. Otherwise, put up for the night in one of the fine motels along the ocean at St. Augustine beach, on A1A beyond the alligator farm. You'll be eating a lot of seafood in Florida. You can get a good start in St. Augustine at Rector's, the Neptune Restaurant, the Chimes Grill, or the Alhambra Coffee Shop.

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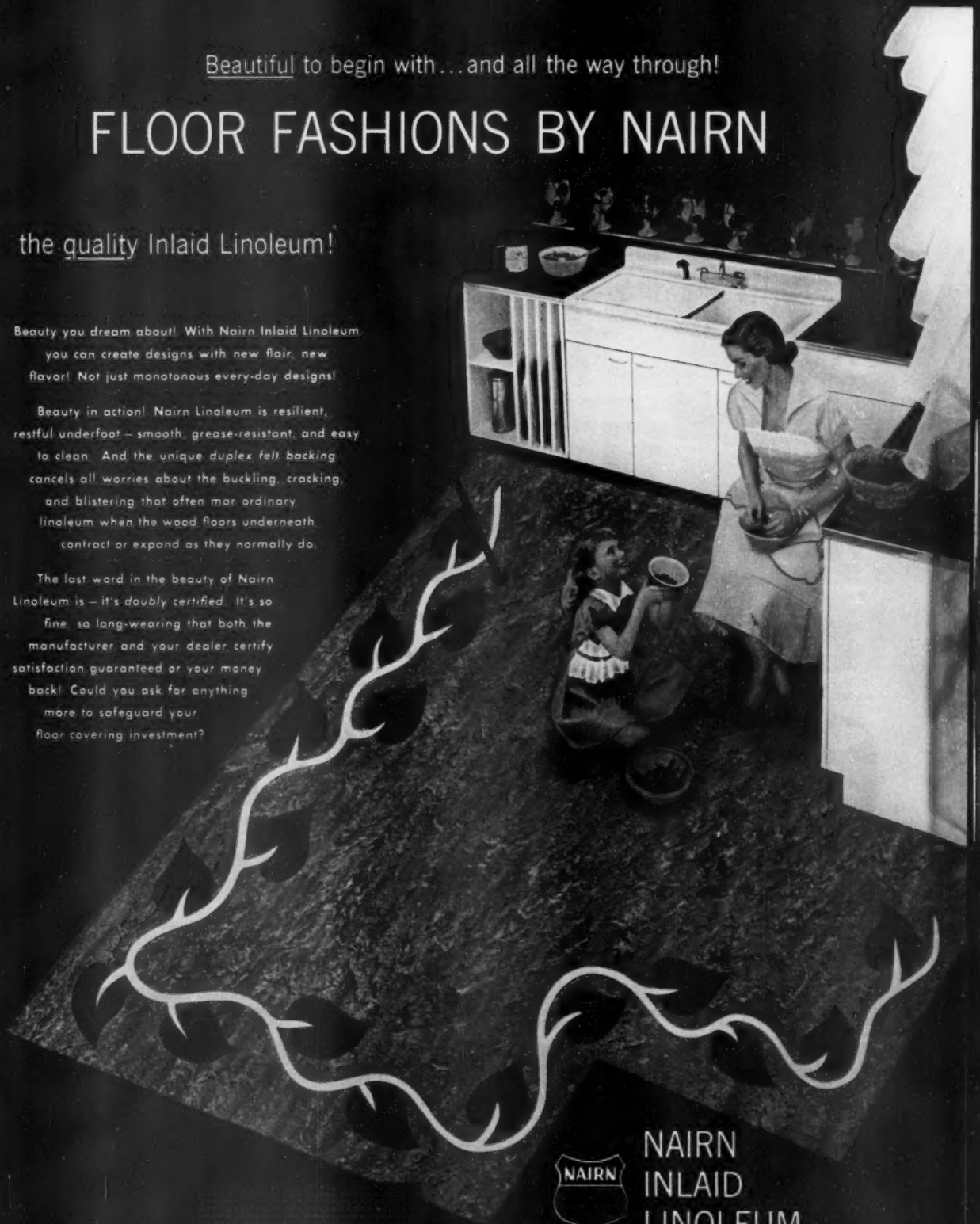

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Second day:

It's only 55 miles from St. Augustine to Daytona Beach, but you're going to make two important stops, so start early.

Your first stop will be at Fort Matanzas National Monument, 14 miles south of St. Augustine. A marker directs you off the road a short distance to the headquarters building. The fort itself, which once guarded the southern approach to St. Augustine, is on Rattlesnake Island, across Matanzas Inlet. "Matanzas" means "slaughter"—and the history of the area justifies the name.

Florida was discovered and claimed for Spain in 1513. The French Huguenots were the first to contest Spain's claim. Under Jean Ribaut, they established a settlement and Fort Caroline on the St. Johns River about 30 miles north of St. Augustine in 1562.

In 1565, Don Pedro Menendez was sent over from Spain to drive them out. Ribaut, with his fleet, decided to take the offensive and attack the Spanish. But a storm wrecked his vessels, and they were blown far down the coast. Meanwhile, Menendez attacked Fort Caroline, and killed the garrison. Then he learned of Ribaut's disaster, and that 200 Frenchmen were starting north by land.

At Matanzas Inlet, which you now cross on a highway bridge, they were halted by the swift current. Menendez met them there and insisted upon unconditional surrender, which they were forced to accept. He then ordered the Frenchmen to cross the channel, 10 at a time, in a small boat, and when they landed he had his soldiers tie their hands. When all the Frenchmen had crossed the inlet, they were marched over the dunes and ruthlessly "put to the knife." Later 100 more Frenchmen were captured and disposed of in the same manner.

You can cross from Anastasia Island to Rattlesnake Island by boat (35 cents for adults, and 15 cents for children), and inspect the ancient building firsthand. The original blockhouse was built in 1569, and proved valuable in defending St. Augustine from Oglethorpe's siege, and from pirates, a constant threat to the Spanish colony in the early days.

After a visit to grim old Fort Matanzas, you'll be ready for lighter amusement, and you'll find it at Marineland, home of Marine Studios, only a few miles farther down the coast.

Marine Studios is the world's only oceanarium. Here, in two giant tanks holding 700,000 gallons of constantly changing water, thousands of fish of many kinds live a relatively peaceful existence with good-natured porpoises and other sea creatures captured in local and far-flung waters. They are kept there not only for the amusement of the public, but for scientific study. The place is fascinating at any hour of the day, but try to be there for the 11 o'clock feeding and show. (There are others at 2 and 4.) The shows begin with a frolic of leaping porpoises, which the Marine Studios people believe are smarter than dogs. Then a diver goes down into each tank to feed the dozens of species the carefully computed diet that keeps them from eating *each other*. You watch through glass portholes, and get a weird thrill when an enormous turtle or shark swims practically against the glass to look you right in the eye. As the diver walks slowly around the floor of the tank, the fish literally snatch their food from his basket. Admission to Marine Studios: Adults, $2.20; children, 6 to 12, $1.10.

It's a tossup whether Marine Studios or Silver Springs will be the most fascinating stop on the route for the children. In any event, you'll be ready for food by the time you pull them away from the tanks. At 11:30—about the time the first show is coming to a close—the Dolphin Restaurant opens, serving an excellent smorgasbord luncheon. Adults, $2; children, $1.

By early afternoon you should be on your way to Ormond and Daytona Beaches, where you'll find the best family vacationland in all Florida, with thousands of rental cottages along the "world's most famous beach."

About 5 miles north of Daytona Beach on A1A, you'll come to Ormond Beach, made famous by John D. Rockefeller. His winter home, "The Casements," is now a girls' school, directly across from the huge, rambling, and still dazzling old Ormond Beach Hotel.

Here, right on A1A, you'll find the most remarkable family resort in America—Ellinor Village. While much of Florida was building luxury hotels for the winter trade, the Ellinor brothers, builders of big wartime housing projects throughout the South, bought 100 acres of sand dunes and palmetto jungle just across the highway from the beach and erected a landscaped community of 650 pastel-painted brick villas, complete with everything you have at home, including space. The Village includes a block-long shopping center, with a super market, a launderette, drugstore, post office, a place that fries seafood to take out, and other shops and services. For the kids, in addition to the wide, safe beach, there are playgrounds, a day nursery, and a baby-sitting service.

The Daytona-Ormond area, more than any other section of Florida, is a year-round resort, and rates at the Village are lower than for anything comparable in the state. A one-bedroom-and-bath villa, with a sofa bed in the living room and a complete electric kitchen, will cost you $8 a day, $49.50 a week. For $12 a day, $69.50 a week, you can have two bedrooms.

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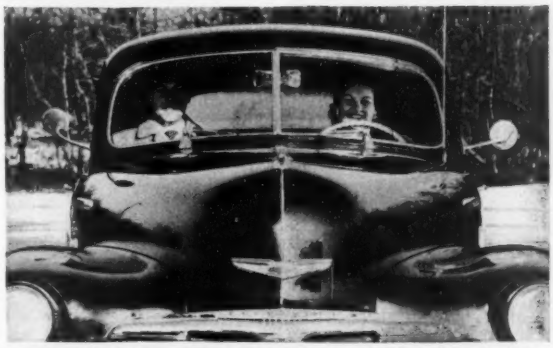

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Daytona Beach pier, many right on the water. Wherever you stay, choose it for comfort and location, because you'll be in Daytona or Ormond for four days.

There are good eating places on both the peninsula and the mainland. On the latter, Morrison's Cafeteria has excellent food at moderate prices, and Johnston's Coffee Shop features seafood and apple pie—and is famous for both. At Johnston's, ask to eat in the Garden Room, a veritable greenhouse of luxuriant tropic plants.

One of the biggest kicks you'll get is driving on the beach at Daytona, where so many famous speed records have been set. At low tide, you can drive some 19 miles from Ormond Beach to the lighthouse at Port Orange, on this wide, hard-packed stretch of sand, stopping to pick up shells and oddly twisted bits of driftwood.

Third, fourth, and fifth days:

Stay put in Daytona or Ormond and swim. Enjoy the beach; you'll never have it better. Take part or all of one day, though, for a trip to Silver Springs, which the billboards call, with only a slight exaggeration really, "one of America's three great wonders"—the others being, concede the signs, the Grand Canyon and Niagara Falls.

Silver Springs is located 5½ miles east of Ocala—an easy, pleasant 85-mile drive over Highways 92, 17, and 40 from Daytona Beach. You cross the St. Johns River over a drawbridge near Astor, and drive through the Ocala National Forest and Game Refuge. Watch out for deer!

There are four main attractions at Silver Springs: the glass-bottom boat ride, adults $2.30, children $1.15, under 6, free; the "photo-sub ride," which is included in the price of the glass-bottom boat ride; the jungle cruise, adults $1.15, children 60 cents; and the Ross Allen Reptile Institute, adults $1, children 48 cents.

Nowhere else in the world will you see the underwater fairyland you see on the glass-bottom boat ride at Silver Springs as you look down through plate glass at caverns, ledges, and great spewing springs beneath clear-as-air Silver River. You will see beautiful rock formations, gorgeous colors, and enormous blue catfish gracefully weaving in and out of the rock formations.

The pilot gives you bread, you open the window at your side, hold out a piece, and fish rise to the surface and take it away from you! You see the Devil's Kitchen, springs bubbling charcoal to give the appearance of smoldering campfires! The children will love "Fisherman's Paradise," where the fish "play football."

For 40 fascinating minutes, you watch this great underwater show, and when you return to the dock, you transfer to a "photo-sub" boat and look horizontally out through the water.

And the jungle cruise! Here the children really go into action—and no wonder! An armada of mallards launches itself on the crystal-clear river. Nearby a flock of red-beaked marsh hens wades at the water's edge. A great blue heron stalks majestically into the jungle. Water turkeys are spread out on tree limbs—like nets to dry. A long row of big, orange-bellied turtles is strung on a log like beads on a chain. Two huge 'gators are sunning themselves not 10 feet away. A screaming snake hawk soars overhead to roost in the top of a towering cypress. Purple swamp asters climb tree trunks to lose themselves in the gray moss that shrouds them. Thousands of bone-white cypress knees are reflected in the endless water mirror. The boat rounds a curve, slows to a crawl, and a family of monkeys all but leaps on board! The pilot tosses them bananas and bread, and the jumping, screeching, pushing monkeys have the children shouting with excitement.

The monkeys were imported, several years ago, but have gone native in the dense jungle. Everything else at Silver Springs is *genuinely* native—and natural.

At the reptile institute, you'll see rattlesnakes "milked" of their venom, see alligators, the largest crocodile in captivity, wierdly beautiful flamingos and other tropical birds, the friendly deer, and the Seminole Indian village.

You'll be fascinated with the Seminoles, the brilliant, voluminous dresses of the squaws and girls—their open-air living arrangements with the big central table on which they actually sleep.

You'll spend most of your time at Daytona on the beach. Fishing's good—in the surf, on the pier, or from a boat. There are free band concerts every night at the band shell on the peninsula. And there are other side trips you can make in an hour or two. The "Lost Mission and Olde English Sugar Mill," interesting ruins surrounded by gardens, are only a few miles below Daytona Beach. And the pretty little town of New Smyrna Beach has an old Spanish mission, the foundations of a fort, and one of the largest shell mounds in Florida.

Sixth day:

You'll leave Daytona Beach on Highway 1 to drive 257 miles to Miami. When you reach Palm Beach, take the beach road A1A again, and follow it all the way into Miami Beach. But in the beginning, you'll be on Highway 1—and you'll start out through the Indian River country, where Florida's fanciest citrus fruit is grown. Even as late as August, you will probably find bags of oranges for sale at roadside stands. This trip will take you through lovely, tree-shaded towns bordering on great, wide rivers, and you'll almost never be more than a few blocks from sparkling blue water. You'll drive through Cocoa, Fort Pierce, Palm Beach, Del Rey Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Hollywood.

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Miami is a big, beautiful city, with many things to see and do. Miami Beach, a separate town, has a population of nearly 50,000 on its own. At first inspection, you'll think everyone there lives in one of the glamorous hotels that line the Atlantic practically from one end of the city to the other.

Seventh day:

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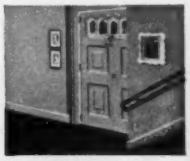

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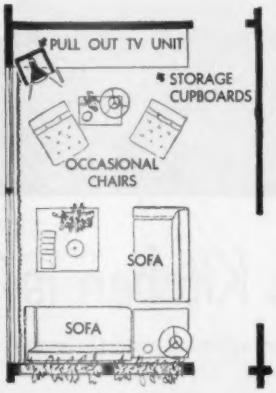

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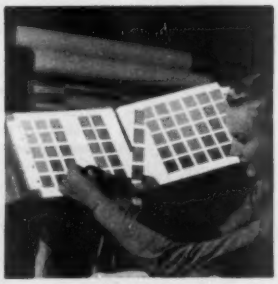

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By Pearl Stuart

Maybe you know what it's like to bring home paper work from the office and struggle with it on a rickety card table. Or if one desk has to serve everyone in the family, you realize how much better it would be if there were at least two desks in the house.

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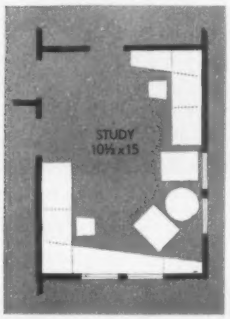
As a study-guest room, it was doing two jobs badly. The bed was used only occasionally, and the card table was overworked

BEFORE

Bedroom pieces kept getting in the way whenever the Brights wanted to use room for work or for evening of reading, relaxing

AFTER Here's Bob Bright's businesslike desk in corner formerly filled by the bed. He can spread out work on the desk, turn to typing on his left. Lights are hidden under bookshelves



AFTER Mrs. Bright's desk duplicates her husband's. There's room now for twin upholstered chairs, a coffee table. Designer Klaus Pfeffer used Pacific touches to give room personality

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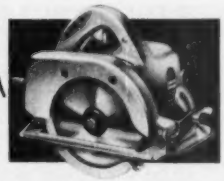

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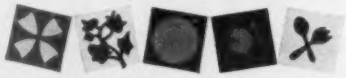

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Old pieces are put to new uses. Corner desk and chair were in Carol's room at home before she was married. Interior of cupboard is painted blue, matching blue in chair covering

Homey charm of this room belies the fact that most of the furniture is not new. Carpeting was biggest expense. The sofa was Carol's mother's, while the lamps and other accessories were wedding gifts

By Patricia Burk

When Sam and Carol Sagendorph planned their new home in Wyncote, Pennsylvania, they decided to cut no corners to get the sturdy, *permanent*, home they wanted. They told Architect John A. Bower, of Abington, Pennsylvania, they wanted a house they could run, and not be run by.

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The right job for your child

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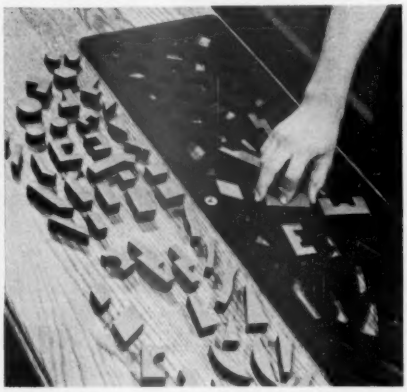

Boy or girl fits irregular-shaped pieces into proper spaces. Skill shows aptitude needed by printers, designers, engineers

Imagine that you are your youngster, being interviewed by the counselor. If you're like most seventh-graders, you haven't the faintest idea of what you want to do when you grow up. You probably don't even care.

First the counselor exposes you to a "battery of instruments," formidable in name only. These instruments are often mistakenly called tests. They will tell the counselor about your interests and abilities. It will take you at least three or four hours to answer the questions.

The questions will amuse you. Here are some samples: "Do you like poetry? Do you think all people should be educated? Do you like picnics?" Silly questions? Maybe, but they help to focus on your field of interest.

What does it all mean? The counselor explains that psychologists have discovered that potentially successful doctors have certain interests, artists and radar experts others. You are told that there is some crossing of interests. You learn that a concert pianist may share interests with a dental technician. Other determining factors will separate the two.

The counselor knows that you must be interested in any job to be a success. You must also have ability to do the job. Your grades will indicate to a counselor whether or not you have the ability to be, say, a doctor.

Supposing you have the necessary talent to become a doctor, but not interest? A stumbling block? Possibly, but let the counselor prod a little further. Have you a fondness of pets and barnyard animals? Perhaps you would be happy as a veterinarian.

But the counselor cannot pin-point you to any specific job. Counselors can only guide you to a *field* of jobs in which you show the most interest and aptitude. You must sift through these jobs while asking yourself such questions as: What is the work like? Does it require mechanical skill, mental ability, social leadership? Is it outdoor or indoor work? Do the tasks involve dealing with people? What is the salary range?

For the moment, put yourself in the shoes of a personnel director of a factory. What would you first look for in the people you hired? Compare your answer with the statement made by the director of a large, Midwestern concern: "More and more, industry is concerned with the personal qualities of a prospective employee than with

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anything else. It takes only one person who cannot get along with people to upset an otherwise harmonious group. An industrious, skillful machinist is of little value to a shop if he cannot get along with the people with whom he must deal every day."

Some psychologists place ability at the top of the list as a prerequisite for a job, while others place it at the bottom. There is proof that both are right.

It's true that a youngster who can't learn elementary algebra can't hope to be an engineer. On the other hand, have you ever witnessed a high-school football game, unable to take your eyes off some hustling youngster who somehow doesn't look like he belongs in such a rough sport? If you'd ask his coach, he might tap his heart and explain: "He isn't the greatest quarterback in the world. He hasn't got the size, isn't fast, and hasn't got a rifle arm. But I can't keep him off the first team, either!"

That's the way it is with some kids and college. Whatever it is, you can't put it down on paper.

Your youngster is probably capable of doing many kinds of jobs. Why is it so important for him to find his way to one that's right for him?

His happiness, for one thing. And happiness in his work may depend largely on what he contributes. A machinist feels good when a machine leaves the shop, and he knows that the cylinders he has bored are perfect.

A surgeon feels the same way when he saves a patient's life by a skillful operation. An architect glows when he looks at a building he helped design.

Your son will never be happy as an accountant if he longs to be a forest ranger. Your daughter will never be a successful nurse when her heart really belongs to dress-designing.

How often have you heard someone remark? "Look at that farmer out there working under that hot sun. I'll bet he has been up since four o'clock this morning!" Or: "I pity Doctor So-and-so. I would not relish getting out of a warm bed on cold nights to rush across town to a hospital!"

If you'd ask the farmer, he'd probably tell you that he'd rather starve than be cooped up in a shop every day. The doctor feels that a baby's first cry is ample reward for the many years he spent studying medicine.

It has been estimated that 50 percent of those who work are unhappy in what they do. Johnny can avoid such unhappiness with your help, and with the aid of skilled counseling.

Pretend now that you are a high-school sophomore. The counselor brings you face to face with a "Purdue Peg Board." It looks like an overgrown cribbage board, although there are four shallow bins at one end. You are given 30 seconds to put as many pegs as possible into the holes with your right hand, and then the left. Then you are asked to put the pins in the

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Suppose after testing and counseling, your youngster still can't decide just what he wants to do? Actual experience may be what he needs. Help him get a spare-time or vacation job which will give him close association with the sort of work he is considering.

If your public school system has no counselors, there are other means of helping your child find his niche. You may write to the National Vocational Guidance Association, 82 Beaver Street, New York City, for a list of reliable agencies near your home. Many good agencies charge no fees; others charge little.

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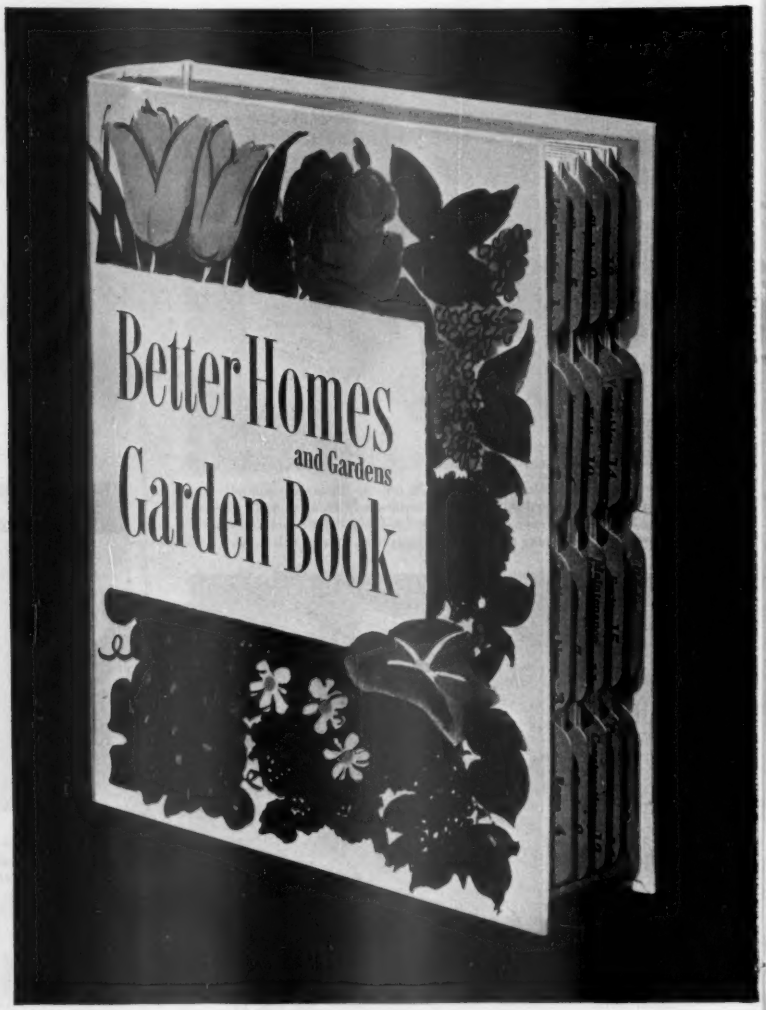

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Ways to plant a porch or terrace

Let plants add form and color where your home needs a lift, where they will do the most good

Porch here is tucked away under roof, extends into garden with a terrace. Esther Reed daisies make scene seem airy cool. Hanging baskets of pink trailing begonias add color; fern breaks space under window

Without boxed marigold bed along length of long brown house, the effect would be somber. But even when box is empty in winter, there's a feeling of boundary and solidarity. Evergreen ivy covers front lawn

By Lou Richardson

Until it's planted, your porch, enclosed entrance, or terrace is just a step down—rather than a step up—in showing off your home to its best advantage.

Consider these plantings, or similar ones that suit the pattern of your setting, to make your home more inviting. Here's what you'll need to do:

Tie your porch to the ground. A row of edging plants—petunias, ageratum, dwarf marigolds—will soften the edge of a close-to-the-ground porch. For the porch that's several steps up, plant trailers, like nasturtiums, in boxes on the porch, and let them grow down to the other plants growing up from the ground. Try climbing vines to pull a porch downward. Or shrubs or plant boxes.

Select a color scheme. A box of red geraniums with white marguerites, for example, is more positive than a box of several varieties. Ivy against a white wall is a low-keyed picture in green and white, effective because of simplicity. Or use plants that repeat [*Turn to page 310*

Purple clematis creeps up stone chimney and across door top, suggests lightness. Ageratum edges low porch, with daphne in foreground

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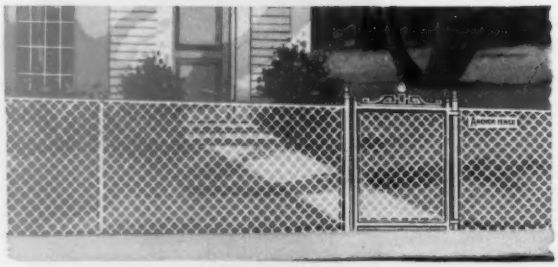

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Ways to plant a porch or terrace

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some color tone of your house—like a mass of salvia as a foreground to a salvia red door.

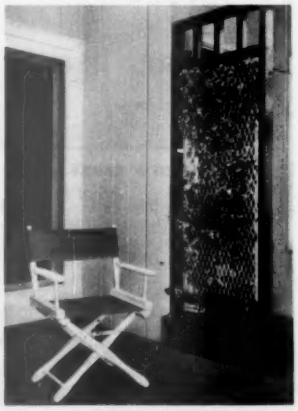
Screen, if you've something to hide. Best screen for a porch is rarely a solid mass of vines or shrubbery. Better effects are had with a screen that opens up here and there to show detail of leaves, stems, or flowers. An open effect is achieved by pruning and shaping, the kind of support you use, and the right plants.

Keep potted plants uniform. Best use of potted plants is for accent. When you group several, the group itself is the accent. This applies for plant boxes, hanging baskets. Use plants that flower the same color, or one variety with different color blooms. Containers that are similar in form and color look best.

Break up bare spaces. This may take more than plants. One way is to build a plant shelf actually a part of the porch. Or build a long plant box on the ground to form a porch boundary. Boxes of accent plants on a porch floor put pattern on the wall, give design to the floor.

Keep plants looking their best. Plant in loose, rich soil, feed regularly, control pests, keep plants trained and trim, and pick off dead flowers and leaves.

Bricked-up flower beds point up the entrance, add charm to porchless house. Pelargoniums or geraniums are effective here. Another idea is a low, solid fence with daisies or gay flowers planted just inside



Ivy screen breaks up long, narrow porch, divides space into two outdoor rooms.

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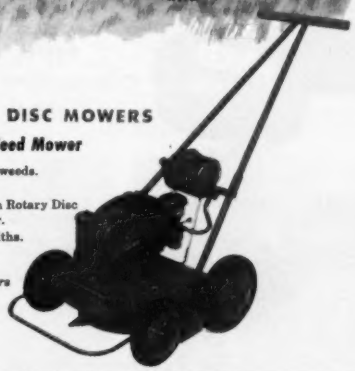

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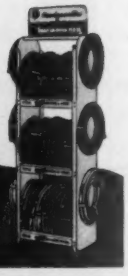

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Where living-room main window opens to porch, something is needed to point up the view. Porch pillars hung with ivy, potted begonias and hydrangeas, and low row of tuberous begonias add accents here

Two large boxes with ladder trellises and tropical plants fill a big area on this long, severe porch. Square boxes at foot of post make other points of interest. Clematis or nasturtiums would grow here

Jog in the house by window makes a fine platform for begonias potted in sturdy wooden boxes.

Redwood boxes here are of uniform size. Stained a rich shade of brown, they add form and color to the entrance, enhance the view from window. Geraniums are just as effective for similar situations

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Narrow strips in sun

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Moonseed-vine, Fringed bleedingheart, Meadow geraniums, ferns, columbines, Virginia bluebells, Lanceleaf hosta.

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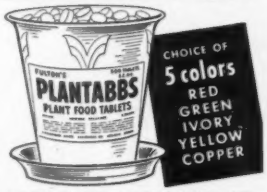

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every high school in America. The Cleveland study showed that driver education in the high schools cut the teen-age accident rate in half. In Delaware, the State Highway Department compared the record of 1,100 drivers trained in high school with an equal number of untrained drivers of the same age. There were 274 arrests of untrained drivers as against 57 arrests of trained drivers, 341 warnings as against 101, and 251 accidents as against 56.

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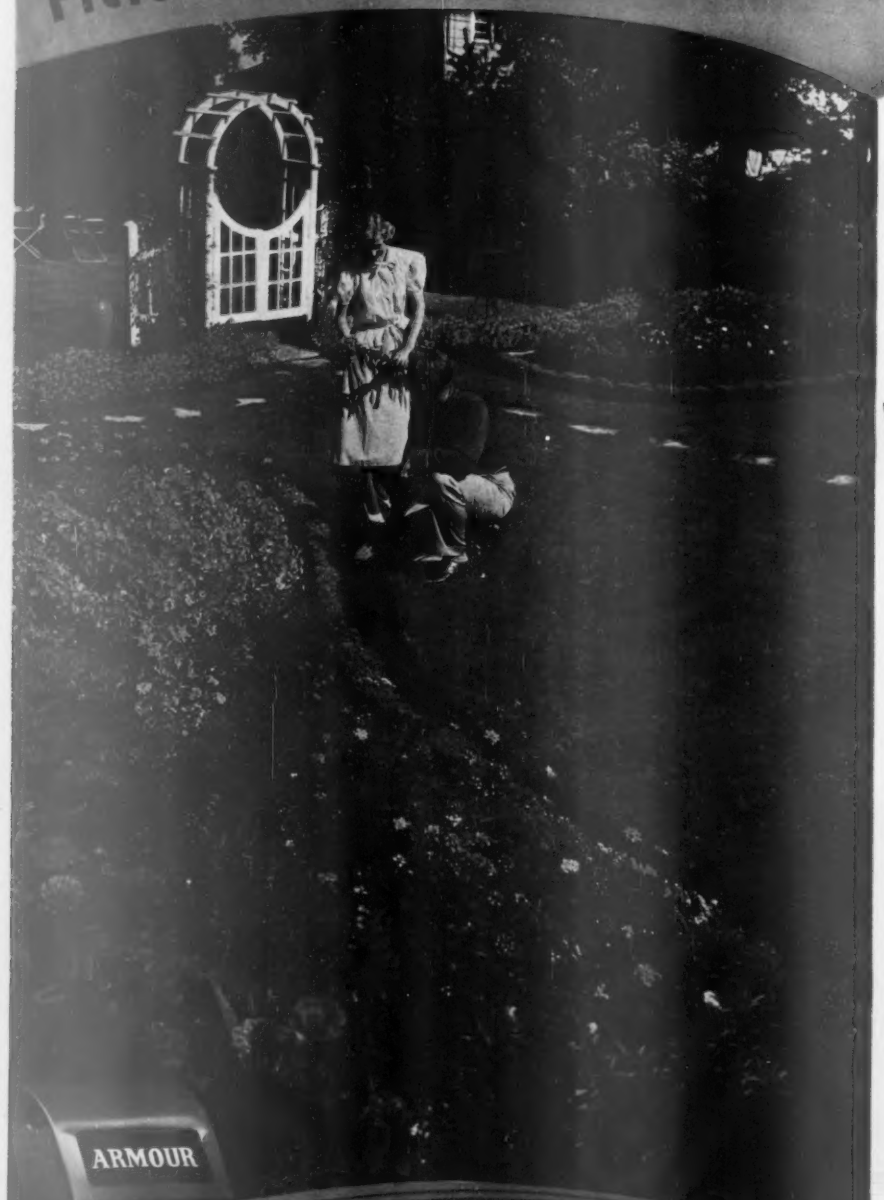

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The diary of a plain dirt gardener

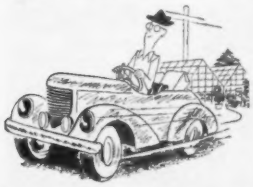
By Harry R. O'Brien

David handed me a little box with holes in it. It was a duck—a baby duck—the cutest little critter you ever saw. The rest of us were just as excited

April 1 What a day—it was dark and chilly and windy, with a hard rain for a while in the morning. Then in the mail was another bundle of six new roses from another firm. I had just finished setting out 15 last evening. Maggie brought them in and put them down in the back hall.

"That's no place for roses," says I. "They will dry out in the house. They should be outdoors." So I put them on the back steps. Worktime came toward evening—and nobody in sight to help. So I bundled up and went forth in the dismal air.

I dug me six holes in the west



Stopped at a nursery and bought more rose varieties and plant food. Sent David to haul them all home

rose bed. Holes where in times past other roses had turned up their toes and gone to rose heaven. Here I put my new ones, with hope and faith. After each was set, I mounded up the soil until the tops were almost covered. This I'll leave on until after growth starts, in two or three weeks. Then I'll pull it away.

April 2 If this were the Wilson Bridge Road items in our local community weekly, this would read: "Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clair Johnson of Akron." That is what we did. We got off early under a bright sun.

We hadn't seen the Johnsons since all four of us were together at a garden convention last summer. Clair is president of the Akron Rose Society, which was having its monthly meeting this afternoon at the library. So after dinner we all went to said meeting.

You can guess what was talked about at the meeting. It was roses, with special discussion on spring pruning. Whether to whack and prune low or to spare the bush and prune high. As usual, there was no agreement on the matter.

Mulching was brought up. Somebody said he thought that good cultivation of a rose bed was better than keeping a thick mulch on it. If he did put on a mulch, as peatmoss, he worked it into the soil, rather than leaving it on top. This is my own idea about it, too.

April 3 Remember that old chappie named Job? Well, I'm surely his first cousin. On my way home, I stopped at a nursery and bought plants of two more rose varieties—Capistrano and Mission Bells—that I should have set out a year ago and never got done. Also bought three bags of plant food and sent David to haul them home in his campus jalopy.

This plant food needs to be spread around the roses. (No law against putting it on the lawn, too.) But it began to rain on the way home. Kept right on raining till dark. So nary a bit of work could be done except feed birds.

Another sad note is that one kitten, left from last fall's late batch, has learned how to climb up the pole on the rear lawn and get into the feeder which turns on top of the pole. There it was spending the afternoon, all dry and cozy. We never had a cat which mastered this trick before.

April 4 Another Job's day—and nary a lick of outdoor work. But the artisans moved in yesterday to lay the bathroom tile, and believe it or not, by today, color began to appear on the walls of our bathroom. Beautiful robin's-egg green, or whatever you'd call it, that Maggie had picked out. Color outdoors, too, for bless my soul, the fir narcissus is in bloom by the front door. I checked in my record, and it is Golden Harvest.

April 5 What a wonderful little woman is Maggie. By 8 a.m., she was busy putting some artificial flowers from year before last on her last year's spring bonnet. At 9, I learned that she just wanted to make that old hat springlike as she went downtown to buy a new one to go with her green suit. She was hurrying up, so she could ride down with me as I went to the office.

But the joyful news tonight is that when she saw the new hats, she didn't look any better in them, and they looked mighty like the old one she had just fixed up. So she came home, happy and contented, wearing the old one.

As for me, I stayed on at the office and then to the monthly dinner meeting of our men's rose club. Main topic was the merits of organic humus and food versus commercial chemical plant food. The argument was hot and heavy. After the meeting, it kept right on, getting hotter and heavier.

As for me, I agree with what Harold Bach said. The ideal way to grow roses is a combination of both. Plenty of organic matter to get soil in good condition. Then

The new hats look mighty like Maggie's old one. So she came back from town wearing the old one on her head

chemical plant food to do the extra feeding. Home news is that another narcissus is out—good old Sir Watkins. There is a group on each side of the front steps.

April 6 Woe is still me—and everybody else in the community. When I peeked out this a.m., there was about an inch of snow on the ground. It didn't linger long. I got out toward evening in old clothes, but the ground was just too wet to get on it anywhere—so reluctantly back indoors. [*Turn to next page*

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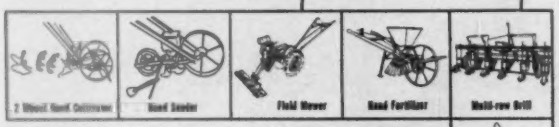

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The birds were ravenous today. I put out twice as much feed as usual, and it was all cleaned up. Most of the winter ones are still around, and new ones are showing up. One of the men working on the tile in the bathroom says he saw an oriole at one of the feeders on the rear lawn.

April 7 "I told you I'd have a surprise for you today," says David, as he came smiling into the living room, holding a little box

Our neighbor, a leading gladiolus fan in our community, made up a present for me of some new kinds

with holes in it, which he handed to me. I knew what it was before I opened it up.

It was a duck—a baby duck. Ever since old Alexander, the duck that laid eggs, had been killed by a fox or something, David had pined for another duck. Well, here it was—cutest little critter you ever saw.

There was David, past 21 and a student in a university. There were the rest of us—all grown persons. All of us just as excited as the time 17 years ago when the boys came home with Alexander. Maggie found a carton for it and made it a cozy home. David put in a saucer of water and some of the prepared feed he had brought home with the duck from Bogan's Pet Shop.

Soon happy chirps could be heard all over the house. Scratch, the dog, came in, and he was frantic with excitement about it. He'll have to get used to it.

April 11 It took all the will power I could summon up, but I did it. Some other new roses were on hand, not mentioned above. I got out, dug 12 holes, planted 12 roses. The wind blew. There were flecks of snow in the air. I shivered and shook as I worked. My eyes filled with tears. But I got in the roses. I think this is all for this year.

But the list of roses I've set out is a honey. They are all newer sorts. Included are Mission Bells, Sutter's Gold, Fandango, First Love, Juno, Bravo, Golden Scepter, Opera, Caprice, Irene of Denmark, Tapis, Granate.

April 12 My, how the duck grows! Tail feathers are beginning to sprout.

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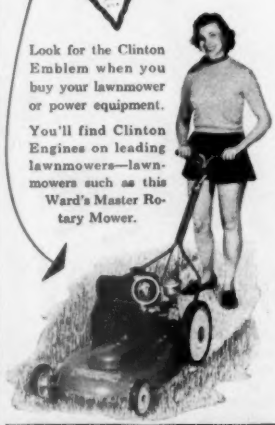

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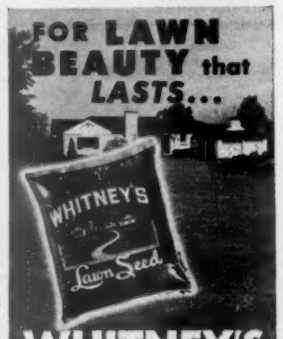

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April 16 Spring—balmy spring—dropped in today, with warm sun and whatnot. So out to the long-delayed job of pruning the roses.

It was a queer winter. Many of the bushes have hardly killed back at all and are alive, out almost to the tips. Others are dead almost to the ground. As usual, a few are just dead—period! But then, one always expects a few losses. Where the tops are alive, I think I'll prune lighter than usual and leave the live wood. I'll cut out weak canes, though, clear to the ground.

Narcissus are beginning to come out, all over the place. The President Grevy lilacs at the corners of the house have pushed along so the flower buds are distinctly visible and leaves are an inch long. The winter honeysuckle bushes under the kitchen window are covered with white bloom.

April 18 Hurray—David rallied round and, with aid of tractor power, got two beds worked up and ready to plant. In one are to go early vegetables. Other is for a new strawberry bed. Night came before I could get these chores looked after.

April 20 Finished pruning the roses. Then with the two-pronged, forged weeding hoe, I went up and down and pulled away the soil heaped up around the canes of the new ones planted last fall and earlier this spring, now beginning to grow.

Then to lawn renovation. There are a few patches in sad state. So I decided just to begin over. I spaded up these spots. I made a liberal application of peatmoss and plant food, then worked these in well with the five-pronged cultivating hoe. Leveled off with ordinary rake. Sowed grass seed—good quality, with around 60 percent bluegrass seed in it. Raked again lightly. Firmed the surface. Lots of folks waste seed by just scattering it on the surface.

April 21 Robins were scratching up where I had sowed that grass seed yesterday. Started in to pick up the tops of roses pruned off; want to get up every smidgen, haul it away, and burn it. When the boys were little, I'd make them do this job.

When about two-thirds through, I stopped this and started in to scatter plant food around each rosebush—mebbe half a big trowelful out a few inches from the base of each bush. I'm doing this before the first cultivation, so it will get worked down into the soil. I'll wait, though, until it has been rained on first. To vary things, I rested by pushing the wheel hoe through one of the iris beds for a first cultivation. Meanwhile, Maggie was out with her newly bought broom rake, raking up leaves and other debris from the back lawn.

April 22 David was out with the jolly old lawn roller, pulled along by the garden tractor. He has it rigged up so now he can ride the roller, except when making turns.

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the new strawberry bed. First I used the wheel hoe to crisscross it with lines, or rows, 48 inches apart, and other lines 24 inches apart. Then by planting at the intersection of the lines, my rows were straight both ways. I dug stocky new plants from the old bed. I set out two rows each of Sparkle and Temple, two new disease-resistant varieties, and one row of Fairfax. I ended up with a row of the new everbearer, June Rockhill, which had come by mail.

Big news is that what should I spy but blooms on the narcissus at yon end of the new row planted last fall. I fairly whooped and hollered as I hurried there, for I knew it was Fortune. This is one of the greats of all time. It used to be so gosh-blamed high, but last fall I put out my first. Two other new ones now open are Titanic and a magnificient white, Mount Hood.

April 24 "Oh-ho," I shouted, as I walked toward my new narcissus. Something new was in bloom, so beautiful it fairly brought a lump into my old throat. Maggie heard me from the other side of the bushes, and she was right there in a minute, too.

It was the first one of the new John Evelyn hybrids to bloom. I had planted a whole set of these last fall. This is Majarda, of creamy white and deep yellow color. It is about twice the size of the parent John Evelyn.

David brought out our new duck and turned it loose on the rear lawn. Scratch barked furiously. The mama pussies twitched their tails and began to stalk ominously. The duck ran. It got under the flowering quince hedge and under the lilacs and under the Regal privet, back and forth. David and I together couldn't catch the critter. Finally I got a long, thin board and scared it from one side, so David grabbed it on the other.

April 25 Rain fell in torrents. Our little peach tree opened forth its merry bloom.

April 26 In olden days I'd have been tried for heresy for what we did to the rose bed today. Where it was fairly free of weeds, Donald used the garden tractor with sharp, narrow blades and dug down deeply into the soil. Other places there was a lot of chickweed. I just spaded it under. I don't force the spade clear, straight down, but push it a bit on an angle and not too deep. This turns the weeds under entirely, also turns under the plant food.

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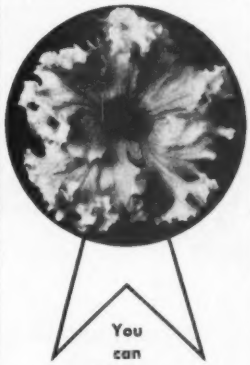

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April 27 This family went forth to sowing and planting of vegetables. First, with the little hopper on wheels, I gave the space a liberal sprinkling of plant food. David followed after with the garden tractor and worked this into the surface.

Beginning at the east end, I put in two rows of early-blooming sweetpeas—three new varieties of the Cuthbertson strain. Next would come two rows of early potatoes, 13 hills to a row. I planted one row, then called on Donald to take over. He did—and planted 'em in my second row of sweetpeas, while my back was turned. We filled up the bed with garden peas, onion sets, leaf lettuce, carrots, beets—with radishes planted with these two latter—spinach, a dozen cabbage plants; and we left space for bush beans later.

April 28 Forgot to mention that last evening as I sat resting my weary bones after supper, the front doorbell rang. And bless my soul—a neighbor stood there with a package in his hand. He is the leading glad fan in our community and grows all the new varieties. He had made up a little present for me of some surplus he had of the new Dutch and Australian varieties that have been coming on the market. What a happy gift.

April 30 Well I'll be jumped-up and jodaddled—as folks used to say down in Slabhollow where I was brought up. Here it is the end of the month, and I haven't more than got started. There hasn't been one really suitable day this whole spring for working in the ground.

News notes: American Primrose Society holds its national show April 7-8 at the Information Center in Portland, Oregon. New strains of miniatures, giants, Asiatics, Julianas, and Rare Green Auriculas will be on display.

Bloom by the armful!

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Magnolias . . .

There are reddish and purple forms, but the Saucer Magnolia that is most popular is the rosy-pink. The flowers average four to six inches across. This is cataloged as *Magnolia soulangeana.*

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Virginia Bluebells, tulips, late

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April Garden

Central and East

Broadcast a balanced plant food in shrub beds; use 4 pounds for each 10x10-foot area. Spread one handful for a specimen shrub that's about knee high; two handfuls if it's waist high.

Now's the time to sow seeds of peas, lettuce, radishes, spinach, mustard, kale, chard, and parsley. Also set out plants of cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, and head lettuce.

Set out small pansy plants. Cut tops off old perennials. Plant asparagus and rhubarb early in well-drained soil. Mix a handful of plant food in bottom of each hole.

Prepare areas well where groundcovers are to be planted. Spade deeply to kill shallow tree roots. Work 4 pounds of plant food into each 10x10-foot area. Established groundcover areas need about 2 pounds, applied when the leaves are dry. Use a broom to sweep off any plant food that may be caught on the leaves.

Trim late-flowering shrubs such as althea, low forms of spiraea, and hydrangea.

Set out strawberry, raspberry, gooseberry, and currant plants as soon as soil is dry enough to work.

Uncover and prune roses. Cut all winterkilled wood from hybrid teas and cut strong canes back to 6 to 8 inches. On hybrid perpetuals, remove deadwood and canes less than pencil thickness.

Start new lawns and sow grass seed in bare spots early. Lawns should have at least 4 inches of good topsoil. Rake the topsoil fine before sowing grass seed. Then rake and tamp lightly once over after sowing. New seeding must not be allowed to dry out at any time.

Control the tiny black flea beetles on plants with DDT. Keep rabbits from tulips by stretching wire fence around bed.

California

Prune shrubs that have flowered this spring.

Dahlias left in the ground all winter should be divided this month. Chrysanthemums should be divided and transplanted for best growth this summer.

Spray citrus trees now with miscible oil for red scale.

Here are perennials to start now from seed: Frikarti aster, angelonia, Esther Reed Shasta daisy, Royal Robe nierembergia, moraea, penstemon, pinks.

Cut back poinsettia shoots to three buds, or fewer. Cut prunings into 6-inch lengths for cuttings.

Grow cacti in filtered light of lath house or tree.

Spray roses to control insects and diseases; mulch and feed them with high-test plant food.

You can sow almost all vegetables this month. Feed and water them liberally. Slow growth makes them hard and bitter.

Plant glads, tuberoses, montbretias, and tigridias, when weather is favorable. For shady areas use tuberous begonias, fuchsias, lobelias, and impatiens; transplant from pots, if immediate bloom is wanted.

Guide

South-Southeast

Spray lawn thoroughly with 2,4-D when weeds are growing rapidly and night temperature is above 65 degrees. Feed lawns; use 50 pounds of lawn food per 1,000 square feet.

All tender annuals such as ageratum, balsam, coxcomb, and zinnias may be sown by late April.

Prune spring-blooming shrubs as soon as they have flowered, to encourage new growth for next year's blooms.

Plant vegetables and annual flowers when danger of frost is past.

As soon as the soil is warm, plant summer bulbs. This includes amaryllis, cannas, caladiums, glads, tuberoses, and zephranthes. Plant glads at 2-week intervals to have a succession of bloom.

Finish planting dormant roses in Upper South. Feed established roses. Use 5 pounds of a complete plant food for each 100 square feet of bed. Dust or spray weekly.

Plant annual vines to cover fences, trellises, or unsightly places. Use morning-glory or balloonvine.

Texas-Southwest

Sow seeds and set out plants of hardy vegetables. You can move waterlilies to the pool now.

Feed nasturtiums and sweetpeas, and they'll bloom again.

Prune shrubs that have flowered—except those that bear attractive fruits for display later in season.

Give roses an all-purpose food after their first heavy bloom. Feed azaleas.

Plant tigridias, montbretias, ismene, and all other summer-flowering bulbs.

Use cuttings of poinsettia tops to start plants for next Christmas.

Remove winter mulch from fuchsias by mid-April.

Transplant now for autumn bloom the tall Mexican sage, misty blue ageratum, Michaelmas daisies, for colors that contrast well with orange and gold of most fall flowers.

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Pacific Northwest

Divide dahlia clumps into sections containing two or three tubers and one or more buds. Plant them 2 feet apart, 3 inches deep.

Feed lawn with plant food heavy in nitrogen. Spray with 2,4-D to kill weeds on a warm, windless day, so spray won't drift and kill desirable plants.

When ground is no longer cold and wet, plant all shrubs and trees, including roses. Protect roots from drying winds by mulching.

Make the first planting of potatoes. Plant other cool-loving vegetables as soon as the soil can be worked.

Succession plantings of fast-growing vegetables can be made now. Vegetables need at least six hours full sun, and should be planted in good, well-drained soil.

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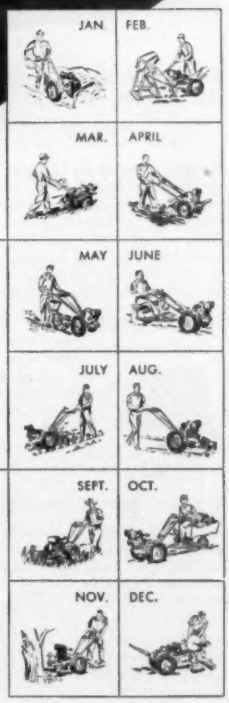

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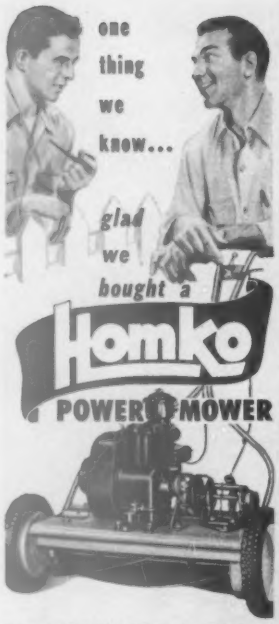

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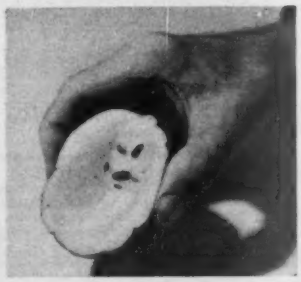

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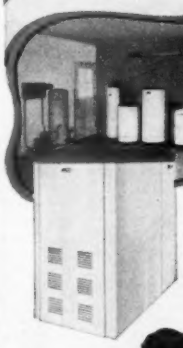

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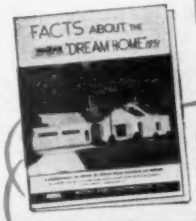

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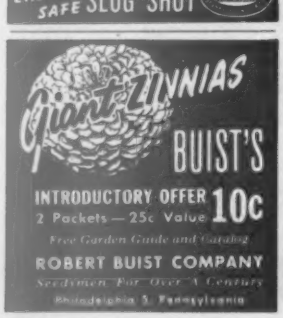

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daffodils, and dwarf iris, especially the bright yellows and blues, make a good underplanting wherever you set a pink Saucer Magnolia.

Rhododendrons . . .

Rhododendron bushes are probably handsomest when kept to heights between 6 and 10 feet, though plants of the same kinds may soar to over 30 feet in the wild.

Rhododendrons have very fine, almost hairlike, roots and need a porous, open soil that rates acid when tested. If you start with moderately heavy clay, use one shovel of peatmoss or well-rotted leafmold for each shovel of original soil you put back when preparing the bed. Have six inches of this prepared soil below and at least four inches above the root balls.

Set your new plants as early in the spring as possible. Water the soil deeply once a week.

Shade from the hottest summer sun and the blasts of the coldest winter winds are necessary in the Midwest where humidity is lower than in areas where rhododendrons are native. A permanent mulch of coarse peatmoss or partially decayed oak leaves laid down six to eight inches deep is good growth insurance.

Consult local growers for advice on which of the several thousand kinds of cultivated rhododendrons grow best in your locality.

Pink Pearl is the rhododendron pictured, page 68, at the home of Mrs. Arthur J. Krauss, Seattle. The yellow azalea below it is *altaclarensis*.

Azaleas . . .

The Flame Azalea blooms some three weeks later than the Torch Azalea and does well in partially shaded spots. The foliage takes on rich orange shadings in the fall.

Usually cataloged as *Azalea mollis* hybrids is a widely satisfactory group that runs the gamut in color from pure sunshiny yellow, through orange and buff, to an apricot-pink. The flowers are large, and the branches are crowded with them. The bushes may spread to five feet and be equally tall. This group is the most likely to succeed where the soil is neither acid nor strongly alkaline.

Belonging as they do to the rhododendron family, these azaleas do best in a soil forked deeply and made loose with liberal additions of peatmoss, sand, and leafmold. A permanent mulch helps keep the soil from compacting.

The pink native azaleas of the Appalachians, and those from the western side of the Pacific coastal range, are less showy. The Ghent, Kurume, and Indian groups are less hardy than those recommended, but wonderful garden plants for areas south of Pennsylvania. Rating in winter-hardiness with these last three groups are the compact, dwarf-growing Hinodegiri—brightest red, Coral Bells—shell pink and double, Prudence—white, and Pink Pearl—a deep pink double.

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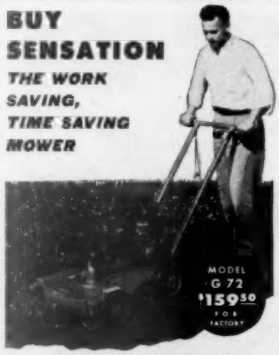

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Family time in Florida *Continued from page 292*

at Crandon Park with its big, wide beach, junior museum, and miniature railroad. There are rides of all kinds, a zoo, and cabanas for rent if you feel you have time for an all-day stay. Crandon Park is located on Key Biscayne, and is reached by the Rickenbacker Causeway over Biscayne Bay (car toll 25 cents round trip).

But be sure to plan your time in the Miami area to include a Nikko boat trip. You can take a 2-hour trip, from the dock at 24th Street and Collins Avenue, for as little as $1.50—and see famous estates, islands, and lagoons.

There are *six* municipally owned beaches at Miami Beach—at Lummus, Collins, Oceanside, Pier, 64th Street, and Northshore parks.

You'll want to see the flamingos and swans at Hialeah Race Track. Admission is free in the summer.

You'll find excellent food in Miami and Miami Beach, and at lower prices—quality considered—than you've paid so far. Especially recommended in Miami is the Commodore Plaza, where Florida's famous lime pie is on the menu. And there's Edith and Fritz's—featuring all you can eat of Florida lobster or shrimp at moderate prices. The Lighthouse, on A1A 7 miles north of Miami Beach, is an outstanding seafood restaurant. Broussard's serves New Orleans-type Creole cooking, with seafood specialties. Go to Gatti's Restaurant for Italian food, and Joe's Stone Crab Restaurant for delicious seafoods—especially crab. Mammy's Restaurant serves excellent snacks and waffles, and there are scores of other delightful places to dine in Miami and Miami Beach.

Eighth day:

Two days isn't half long enough for Miami sight-seeing, but you can't spare any more time if you're going to complete your circle around the state in 10 days. Leave Miami the eighth morning for Sarasota over Highways 27 and 80, with a stop at Clewiston, a trading post for Seminole Indians. The largest raw sugar-cane mill in the United States is located at Clewiston, but doesn't operate in the summer. Clewiston Inn is open all year, and a good place to dine, although it may be a little early for lunch when you reach Clewiston.

This is sugar-cane and vegetable country, bordering on Lake Okeechobee. You'll see little streams of water and tropical birds wading about. Other than that, the terrain isn't too interesting. You should make good time to Fort Myers, where you take 41 for Sarasota.

Fort Myers is called the shell capital of Florida, probably because of its proximity to Sanibel and Captiva Islands, the finest shell-hunting grounds in America. There is a shell museum at Fort Myers, 1 mile north of town on Highway 41, which you can see on the way to Sarasota. (Admission 55 cents.) Thomas A. Edison's winter home and laboratories are open at 2130 McGregor Boulevard, and are much as they were at the time of his death. If you are particularly interested in Edison and his inventions, you'll enjoy the home. There is an admission: $1 for adults, 50 cents for children.

You'll be hungry by the time you reach Fort Myers. The Gondola Inn on the Caloosahatchee River at First Street, is an interesting and colorful place for lunch. They serve seafood dinners, chicken and steak, or just salad and sandwiches if you want a snack.

Fort Myers has beautiful royal palms, and a picturesque location on the wide Caloosahatchee, that empties into Charlotte Harbor—a popular fishing spot you'll cross at Punta Gorda on Highway 41.

You should try to reach Sarasota in time for a visit to Lido Beach, where the sand is sugar white, and the gulf deep turquoise blue. A good place for a swim, if you have time. The "Pioneer" on North Broadway, one of the newer, more luxurious courts in Sarasota, is operated by "The Fischers," for many years featured giants with Ringling Brothers Circus! Imagine renting rooms from a gentleman giant—and having a lady giant make your bed! It will cost you $8 a night for two big, beautifully furnished, fan-cooled rooms and bath. Bickford Lodge on North Broadway is also good, as is the Sarasota Hotel at Main and Palm. Your best food bet in the summer in Sarasota is Morrison's Cafeteria for lunch and dinner—and one of the downtown coffee shops for breakfast.

Ninth day:

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art opens at 9 a.m., and is very much worth visiting. Admission is 50 cents, children under 12, free. The Sarasota Jungle Gardens are also attractive. Sarasota is the home of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, but it will be out on the road during the summer.

Your next stop will be Tampa, 50 miles of easy driving from Sarasota, over Highway 541. You should reach it well before noon. In the afternoon, you can make a circle trip to Cypress Gardens and Bok Tower, a total distance of 120 miles, and return to Tampa for dinner at one of the Spanish restaurants in Ybor City. Ybor is the most interesting section of Tampa, and the world's cigarmaking capital. Take Highway 92 to Lakeland, and there ask at a service station for the road to Winter Haven. It's a side road, but good, and will save you several miles. From Winter Haven, you take U. S. 27 to Cypress Gardens. You should arrive in time for the 2 o'clock show, even if you stop for a snack en route.

You pay $1.25 admission to Cypress Gardens, children 12 to 17, 30 cents, children under 12, free. This covers everything but the electric boat rides, and refreshments on the beautiful terrace. This is Florida's most photographed attraction—famous for movie settings, gorgeous flowers, beautiful girls in ante-bellum costumes, and water ski shows. The electric boat ride ends in a natural jungle waterway that empties into Lake Eloise. The restaurant serves sandwiches and shortcake as well as complete luncheons. Prices are moderate.

After the show, which takes about an hour, you will want to stroll through the gardens, or take the boat ride. And you still have time to see Bok Tower and Sanctuary, only a few miles east of Cypress Gardens. The turn-off to Bok Tower is marked, and is practically at the entrance to Cypress Gardens. Ask the parking-lot attendant if you are in doubt about the way to go. The roads in this section wind through citrus groves, up and over gentle hills, and are pleasant traveling. There are no concerts at Bok Tower in the summer, but the grounds are lovely, and the tower with its reflecting pool has a medieval look. Admission to the Sanctuary is 25 cents.

From Bok Tower you drive into Lake Wales on Highway 17, there turn onto 60, which takes you back to Tampa. There are motor courts in the outskirts of Tampa, and the Tampa Terrace Hotel offers economical summer rates. If you have returned to Tampa early enough, you may want to drive on over to St. Petersburg and stay at one of the courts or hotels near the beach. There are summer rates everywhere, so you won't have to worry about your budget.

Tenth day:

It's 196 miles from Tampa to Jacksonville, but if you start from Tampa, you will have to add to that the mileage you get from driving through lovely St. Petersburg, and Clearwater, and up to Tarpon Springs on Highway 19. Stop for a quick look at the sponge fishing boats and the market at Tarpon Springs, then continue on 19 to Weekiwachee Springs. At Weekiwachee Springs, you see an *underwater* show, complete with ballet dancers! Admission, $1.55; children under 12, 78 cents. And you can swim at Weekiwachee Springs if you have time for a final Florida dip. There is a coffee shop at Weekiwachee Springs—and picnic tables.

Take Highway 50 to Brooksville, where you again pick up 41 for Williston and Raleigh. At Raleigh turn onto 331 for Jacksonville, *and you're on your way home!*

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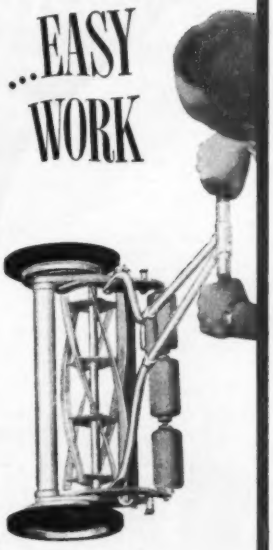

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ammonia. Rinse with clear water before repainting.

In hard-to-get-at spots that cannot be scrubbed, brush on solution of ½ ounce bichloride of mercury in 1 gallon water. Mix in wooden or enameled bucket, not galvanized pail. Paint can be applied after the latter solution dries; no rinsing is necessary.

To prevent recurrences of mildew, add mildew retardant to new paint.

Knots bleeding through paint

Cover knots with thin coat of shellac, aluminum paint, or colorless synthetic-resin sealer. Apply first two after priming coat of paint is on. With synthetic sealer, scrape paint from knot and apply sealer to bare wood before repainting.

Creosote stain bleeding through paint

Prime stained surface with aluminum paint before applying finish coat of paint. Do not use creosote stain on surfaces you may eventually paint. Use water stain instead.

Copper stains on paint

Sand surface thoroughly and clean with turpentine. Refinish with pure lead and oil paint.

Rust on iron

Remove all rust with emery paper or steel wool dipped in turpentine. Or use prepared rust solvent. Prime with red-lead paint (12 parts red-lead paste, 10 parts linseed oil, 1 part turpentine, 1 part dryer). Let dry thoroughly, then apply finish coat of paint.

Green oxide on copper

Rub with very fine steel wool, then buff with soft cloth or, better still, a buffing machine. Apply coat of clear lacquer to prevent further oxidizing.

Stains on porcelain fixtures

Do not use abrasives or abrasive scouring powders; minute scratches collect dirt. Wash with household ammonia and water, or a solution of 3 tablespoons household bleach to 1 quart water.

Stains on ceramic tile

Wash with solution made of 3 tablespoons household bleach to 1 quart water. If stain persists, rub it with cloth dampened in solution of 1 part hydrochloric acid to 10 parts water. Wear rubber gloves. Avoid getting acid in mortar joints. Rinse thoroughly with clear water.

Moisture spots on plaster

First fix leak that caused spot. Lightly whisk off loose plaster with wire brush. Wash spot with solution of zinc oxide. When dry, apply two coats of aluminum paint, allowing each to dry 24 hours. Then apply finish paint or wallpaper.

Dirt on wallpaper

If paper is washable, wring cloth out lightly in mild, cool soapsuds, and rub gently over entire surface, working from floor to ceiling. Be careful not to loosen seams. If paper is not washable, use prepared doughlike cleaner. Knead until pliable, then rub lightly over paper, using wide, sweeping, overlapping strokes. As cleaner becomes dirty, fold soiled part under. Clean strip of wall next to ceiling, then work from ceiling to floor. Streaks on wallpaper above radiator often can be removed by rubbing lightly with a clean, dry sponge.

Grease on wallpaper

Make stiff paste of dry starch and benzine or fuller's earth and benzine. Apply ½-inch layer over stain. When dry, brush off and repeat if necessary. Sometimes it is possible to remove new grease spots by rubbing them with French chalk and allowing it to remain overnight. Before attacking grease stains, clean entire wall. Otherwise cleaned area around stains may stand out almost as badly as stains themselves.

Burns in wood

Go over charred spot carefully with fine sandpaper. If discoloration remains, apply commercial bleach as manufacturer directs. Or make your own bleach by adding ¾ pound oxalic acid crystals to 1 gallon hot water. Excess solution can be bottled for future use. Brush solution on stain and allow to stand 4 to 5 hours, replenishing as it dries. Wash with linseed-oil soap and clear water, and rinse with hot water.

Oil stains on wood

Make alternate applications of gasoline and bleaching compound (either commercial bleach or one made by mixing ¾ pound oxalic acid crystals in 1 gallon hot water).

Water spots on shellac

Go over spots lightly and carefully with very fine sandpaper or steel wool. It may be necessary to remove all shellac. Then apply several very thin coats of new shellac.

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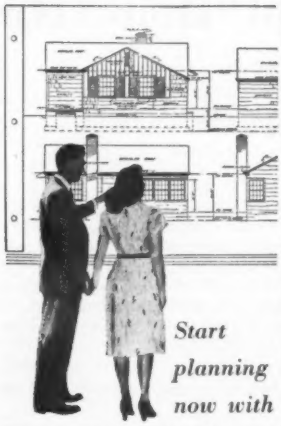

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Who's going to get it after you're gone?

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apartment house, you may want a different executor—one with the special skill and experience you now need. So you change your will. A substantial rise or drop in the size of your estate may necessitate a different will. If you suddenly become rich, your family can live on income and wait to receive legacies; on the other hand, a violent shrinkage of your assets makes it more important than ever that young children be protected by a suitable will. In many ways, a man of small means needs a good will even more than a plutocrat, one reason being that the shrinkage of a *small* estate may be a far more serious matter to survivors.

Since divorce doesn't always make a will invalid, the termination of a marriage, a separation, or mere estrangement may be a reason for making a new will. Incidentally, any woman marrying a divorced man has the right to know that his will is going to function to their mutual satisfaction if he dies.

Sit down and review all the changes that have come into your life since you made that last will. Some circumstance I haven't mentioned at all may raise a more serious reason for making a new will when you look it straight in the face.

Perhaps a codicil, one of those little papers drawn to alter an old will in some respect, will take care of it. But if you're contemplating really important changes, a new will is better and only a little more expensive.

Maybe you've procrastinated because of inflated notions about lawyers' fees. Unless you have a large, diversified estate, your will isn't likely to cost more than from $15 to $50. When you remember the time, money, and heartaches this paper may save, that's chicken feed!

Preparing for your visit to an attorney stirs you up to planning better. You may, like most men, discover that you have underestimated the size of your estate, which, remember, includes personal property like cameras, jewelry, heirlooms, clothing. Real property like a home and stocks and bonds can be worth much more than when you bought them. Often a man fails to include his life insurance.

He may forget that the old specific exemptions of $40,000 of life insurance plus $40,000 of other property ($80,000 total) was replaced late in 1942 by a total over-all exemption of $60,000 of all kinds of assets, insurance included. Depending upon the size of your estate and the disposition of its assets, this change may have an important bearing on planning your affairs to your best advantage.

Anyway, before planning your will, make a complete, up-to-the-minute list of all your assets and tote up their true present value. Don't go to a lawyer with mental reservations. You can't withhold certain facts about your worth and expect him to draw up the best possible will or give sound counsel about minimizing taxes. If you're in doubt about a good lawyer, ask friends, business associates, or your bank.

When a lawyer uses legal terms you don't understand, gulp down your vanity and make him explain. But don't expect your will to be informal chitchat; those fancy words are needed to convey precise meanings which prevent litigation and misunderstanding.

Making your will reminds you of the importance of having all your valuables and records immediately available to your executor. Your will can be left with your attorney or put in your safe-deposit box where it's protected against fire, loss, or rough handling by someone who doesn't like it! Your executor should know just how to lay hands on it, also on stocks, bonds, deeds to real estate, mortgage papers, partnership papers, and other documents proving the existence of assets. Marriage and birth certificates may be important. A record of all relatives may be helpful to your executor if any of them might become your heirs.

In itemizing your assets, put down the original cost of each and attach sales slips covering the purchase. All information needed for income tax purposes should be easy to find, together with evidence of payment of taxes in recent years. The beneficiaries of your life insurance should be able to get your policies immediately so payments can begin without delay, so a memo to your family can tell them where the policies are and give any other information about your affairs which will make their lot easier.

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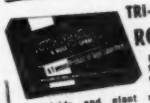

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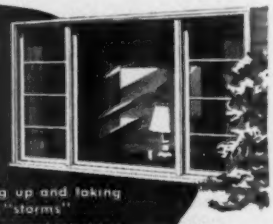

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Groundcovers

By Alice L. Dustan

Have you considered what groundcovers can do to improve the looks of "difficult" places around your home?

Dependable, inexpensive, and easily maintained, they offer a choice of attractive substitutes for grass under shrubs and in hard-to-mow corners. Use them on steep banks and eliminate need for a retaining wall. Try them in deep shade under pine trees or root-filled soil under maples, and enjoy green color where there was only bare earth.

Periwinkle, *Vinca minor*, for example, knows no shabby season; its shiny, evergreen leaves retain their deep green cast in sun or shade.

From clumps planted 6 inches to a foot apart, periwinkle spreads quickly. Once established—in 2 to 3 years—it makes a solid, weedless carpet 6 to 10 inches high, with soft blue flowers in spring. Only care needed is a yearly clipping of edges to keep it in bounds.

Here are other groundcovers—including evergreen, deciduous, woody, and herbaceous kinds—all hardy in northern areas and soil-tolerant. Check their special uses against the landscape needs of your home:

Groundcovers to grow in deep shade

Baby Wintercreeper, *Euonymus fortunei minimus*, 6-18 inches high. Slow-growing evergreen with leaves less than ½ inch long. Good groundcover for small areas, or to plant around the base of a tree.

Baltic ivy—hardiest of the English ivies—is used here to outline and soften this brick walk. It provides an eye-arresting substitute for hard-to-mow grass. A woody vine, Baltic ivy is green summer and winter, is adapted to the heavy shade of a north-northeast exposure

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Kline of Madison, New Jersey made an attractive spot out of this difficult area (right) with Periwinkle. Growing on the north side of the house in competition with roots of a maple tree, this thick carpet also stays shiny and green the entire year

"green up" impossible places

Carpet Bugle, *Ajuga reptans*, 6-12 inches. Rapid-growing, semievergreen perennial for edging or on steep banks with a northwest exposure.

Christmas Fern, *Polystichum acrostichoides*, 1-2 feet. Evergreen for woodland slopes or with broadleaf evergreens.

Fiveleaf Akebia, *Akebia quinata*, 6-12 inches. Low-growing, semievergreen vine spreads rapidly over large banks.

Ground Ivy, *Nepeta hederacea*, 3-6 inches. Quickly covers large areas beneath shallow-rooted trees. [*Turn to next page*

Blue-green Creeping Juniper is easier to maintain than grass and makes an attractive cover on this gravelly bank along a concrete driveway the year around. Juniper grows well in full sunlight. It spreads easily, and usually grows a little more than a foot in height

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Groundcovers

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The attention-getting groundcover of violets in light shade above solved a planting problem at the Forrest Geneva home in Des Moines, Iowa. A few violets spaced strategically along the top of the slope soon seeded themselves so the plants now completely cover the bank

Japanese Spurge, *Pachysandra terminalis*, 8-14 inches. Good evergreen perennial under trees and on shady terraces and slopes. Tailors a front yard, dresses up the foreground of evergreen plantings.

Moneywort, *Lysimachia nummularia*, 1-3 inches. Evergreen perennial good under trees, on steep banks with northeast exposure. Needs moist soil, plenty of room.

Groundcovers for partial shade

Bishops-weed, *Aegopodium podograria*, 6-10 inches. Perennial for edging, good to fill hard-to-reach spots in flower borders.

Canada Violet, *Viola canadensis*, 7-10 inches. Herbaceous perennial attractive under a May-flowering tree.

Creeping Speedwell, *Veronica repens*, 1-2 inches. Herbaceous perennial for summer color on rock-garden slopes or to fill cracks between paving stones.

Jacobs-ladder, *Polemonium caeruleum*, 9-14 inches. Perennial for combination with late spring bulbs under dogwoods.

Lily-of-the-valley, *Convallaria majalis*, 8-12 inches. Fragrant herbaceous perennial for under shrubs or near a path or window.

Matrimonyvine, *Lycium halimifolium*, 4-10 feet. Dense growing, this plant is really a prostrate, rambling shrub; especially good in poor soil on banks or along a stone wall.

Sweetautumn Clematis, *Clematis paniculata*, 6-12 feet. Easy to grow and vigorous vine, with dense, lustrous leaves. Good on banks and over rocks.

Groundcovers for sun or light shade

Creeping Thyme, *Thymus serpyllus*, 1-6 inches. Semievergreen perennial adapted for rock gardens or between stones.

Confederate Violet, *Papilionacea priceana*, 4-6 inches. Hardy perennial which seeds itself rapidly. Good for open, unmowed areas.

Hayscented Fern, *Dennstaedtis punctilobula*, 1-2 feet. Good groundcover for dry banks, or to grow up through plants of Japanese Spurge.

Moss Pink, *Phlox sublata*, 4-9 inches. Evergreen perennial best on sunny, well-drained slopes.

Red Two-row Stonecrop, *Sedum spurium*, 2-5 inches. Semievergreen perennial for quick cover in poor, sandy soil if stems are broken up and sown like seed.

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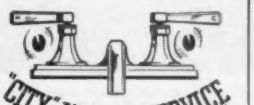

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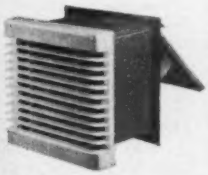

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2. Decide which mortar to use. Some are stronger than others, some are easier to use, some are lighter in color.

Basic steps for any bricklaying project

Mixing mortar. Don't mix too much mortar at one time. Proportions pictured are for outdoor brickwork. Sand should be dry, cement and lime free of lumps. Mix dry ingredients to uniform color. Then add water a little at a time, mixing as you go, until mortar is smooth

Corner leads first. Make work straight, with minimum of cut bricks. Stretch cord between stakes. Then lay bricks out to see where they will fall. Next, build up "corner leads" between which other bricks will be placed. Keep these leads higher than intervening brickwork

laying bricks

By Stanley Schuler

A good one for brickwork that is exposed to weathering calls for 1 part Portland cement, 1 part hydrated lime, and 6 parts sand. It does not set quickly, and it can be retempered (that is, water can be added to it after it has been mixed and stood awhile). Cement mortar without lime, strongest of all, cannot be retempered.

3. Determine the pattern in which you will lay bricks. The design is the "bond," and there are many of them (see page 339).

4. Choose the type of mortar joint to make between the bricks. Again the selection is wide. You will probably settle on the most common joint, the "concave," which is easy to form and waterproof (see page 338).

5. Decide how thick to make [*Turn to next page*

Use your level. Hardest part of bricklaying—especially if you are building over uneven ground—is keeping your brickwork straight. Use your spirit level often to check vertical and horizontal lines. Double-check corner leads; if they are crooked, whole wall will be

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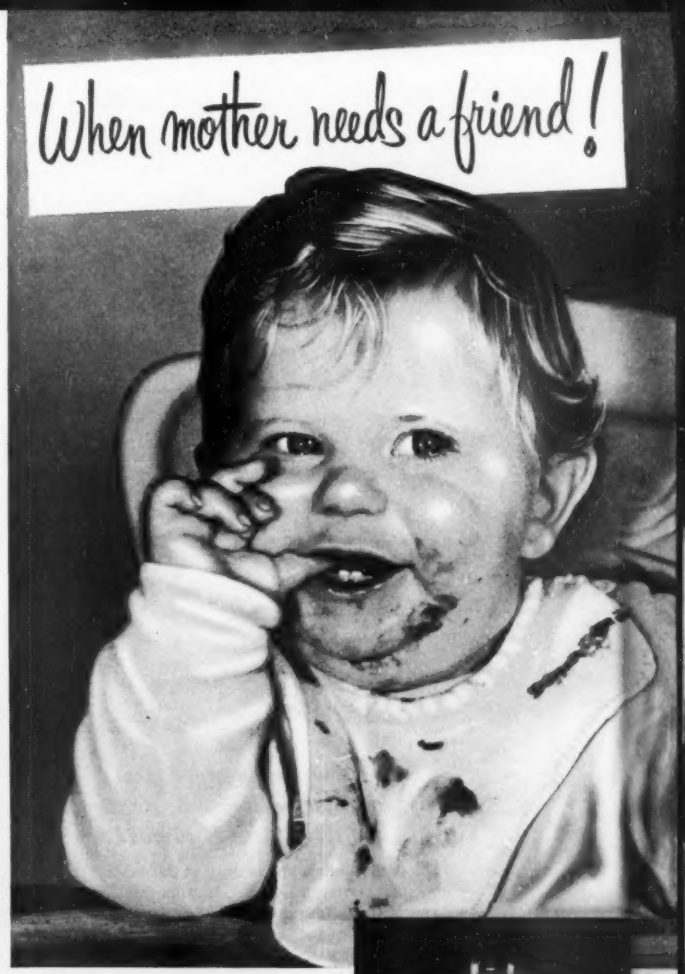
Guideline. With corner leads established, it is relatively easy to lay bricks between in a straight line. Tap a nail into end of each lead. Stretch a cord between. This marks top outside edge of next course of bricks. Keep line taut; on long wall, support in middle



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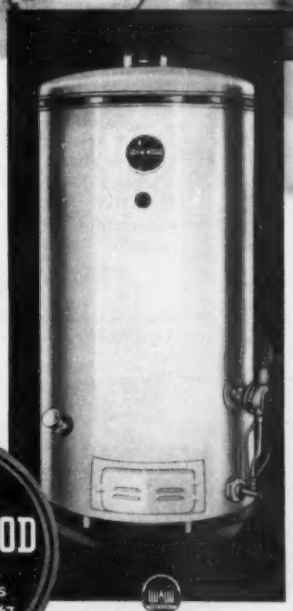

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Tricks in laying bricks

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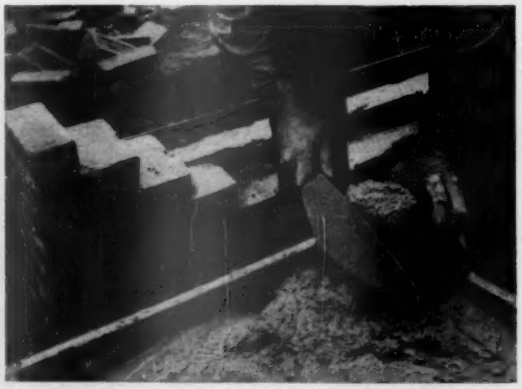
your brickwork. If you are building a wall not over two feet high, you can get by with a 4-inch thickness, one tier of brick. Higher walls and retaining walls should be two tiers, or 8 inches thick. If your structure is massive, it ought to be of three tiers or reinforced with steel rods.

6. Get the right tools. All are inexpensive, available at any hardware store. You'll need a good masons' trowel, cold chisel, hammer, rule, carpenters' square, spirit level, mortar box (build it yourself), hoe, bucket, a strong white cotton cord, and a length of pipe.

7. Establish a solid foundation. Small walls which are not attached to another structure can rest directly in a trench in the ground, as pictured here. Most other brickwork should be constructed on solid concrete footings laid below the frostline. In any case, the ground on which the structure is built must be as level as you can make it, and tamped down firmly.

8. Finally, just before you start your project, wet bricks down thoroughly with the fine spray of a hose.

Mortar bed. Joints should be uniform; one-half inch is good. Skimping on mortar is common failing. Spread mortar from last brick laid, enough for one brick at a time at first. With trowel point, make a shallow furrow down center. Cut off excess mortar and toss in box



Buttering ends. This is buttering method of filling joint between ends of bricks. Slap a good dab of mortar on end of brick to be laid. This gives a strong, waterproof joint. You can't make a good end joint by laying brick in place first, then slushing mortar into crack

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Placing brick. Line buttered brick up with cord. Shove into mortar and against last brick. Tap with trowel if necessary, then cut off excess mortar. Once brick is placed, don't attempt to shift it. If bond is broken, crack results. Instead remove brick, re-lay in new mortar

Closure brick. In placing a closure brick, dab mortar on ends of bricks in place, and on both ends of the closure brick. Then lay last brick without shifting those on the sides

Between tiers. Fill joint between tiers by slushing in soupy mortar. However, lay bricks in mortar that extends from front to back of wall, so the space is only one brick deep

Header course. In a two-tiered wall, a header course (bricks laid crossways) is used every fifth, sixth, or seventh row. This serves to tie stretcher bricks together. Spread a good mortar bed. Butter side of header brick; push it into place until the mortar oozes out

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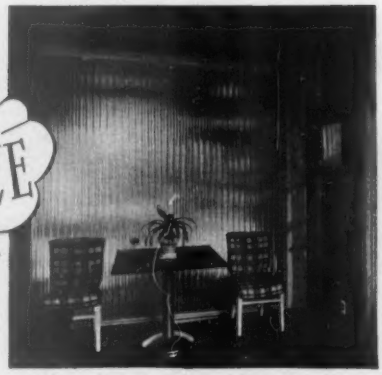

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Tooling joints. Before mortar sets, tool vertical joints, then horizontal. Concave joint is made with pipe slightly larger than joint. Press mortar firmly against each brick; remove any that slops out. At day's end, cover brickwork with boards, tar paper, or tarpaulin

Cleaning up. A week or two after bricks are laid, clean with solution of 1 part hydrochloric acid to 10 parts water. Keep solution off mortar joints as much as possible, and rinse immediately with water. To make finishing easy, keep bricks clean as you lay them up

Cutting brick. Some bricklayers cut bricks with trowel edge. But you'll find job easier with a cold chisel. Set brick on edge on a solid surface. Position chisel and give it a sharp rap with hammer. To assure square cut, first score four sides of brick lightly with chisel

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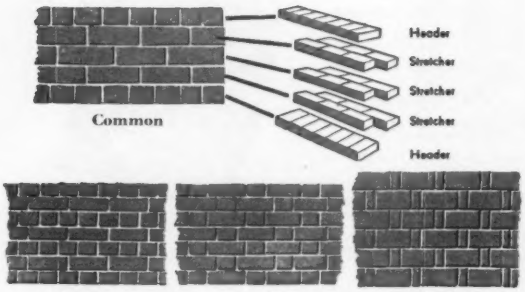
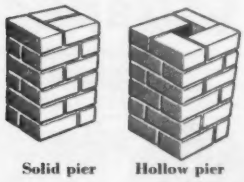


HERE are four popular bonds used in building an 8-inch wall. Stretchers are bricks laid the long way of the wall; headers are laid at right angles to the stretchers.

Most popular is the Common bond, strong because bricks overlap themselves by one-half lengthwise in stretcher courses. A header course is usually used after every fifth, sixth, or seventh stretcher course.

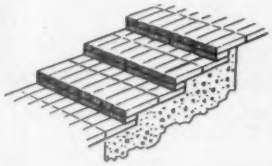
The English bond alternates the header and stretcher courses; the Flemish bond combines them.

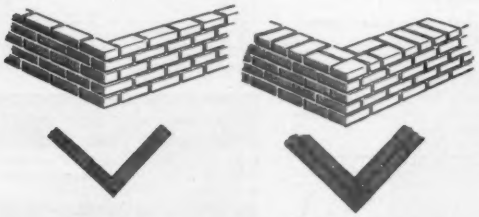
The Rolok bond, with bricks laid on edge, uses less material than the others, yet is very strong.



BRICK piers are easily built, yet will support a tremendous weight. Build them to bolster sagging porches or floors. Or let them serve as gateposts for a wooden fence. Or use them to strengthen any brick wall. Here are layouts for two piers.

TO build brick steps, you'll need a firm soil base, plus a concrete foundation at least 3 inches thick. Make tread at least 12 inches wide, pitched forward ¼ inch per foot. Lay bricks at front of treads as headers; let risers come flush with them.





BUILDING corners with bricks demands even more accuracy in the plumbing and leveling.

Your first job is to lay bricks out dry, squaring them up with a carpenter's square. Remember to allow mortar space between the bricks; three leaves of a folding rule is about right.

Then lay the brick at the corner in mortar. Do the same with the fourth brick from the corner in each direction, without disturbing the others. Level all three bricks with a straightedge and connect them with a taut guideline.

Build up corner bricks and end bricks, then lay bricks in between. Keep plumbing, leveling, and squaring each course as it is laid.

In the two-tier corner for a Common-bond wall (right), note that some of the bricks in the header course must be cut to fit.

Heavy brick walls should be built on solid concrete footings.

How to make the most of your Doorway

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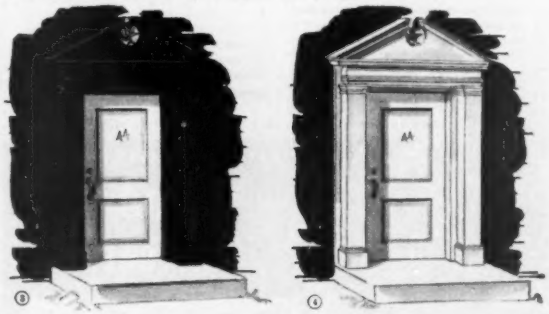

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Desk, chair, coffee table: Drexel Furniture Co., Drexel, N. C.
Rug: "Wunda Weve," cinnamon color, Belrug Mills, Inc., 1450 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
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Rug: Amsterdam Textile Co., Amsterdam, N.Y.
Bedspreads and draperies: Koroseal, Comprehensive Fabrics, Inc., Empire State Building, New York, N.Y.
(Basement recreation room, lower right) Maple furniture: H. T. Cushman Mfg. Company, North Bennington, Vt.
Page 57. (Living room, upper) Tables: Drexel Furniture Co., Drexel, N. C.
Rug: "Pebbleweave," James Lees and Sons Co., Bridgeport, Pa.
Rug padding: "Rubberloc," Allen Industries, Inc., Leland and G. T. R. R., Detroit 7, Mich.
Printed fabric on lounge chairs: Meade and Montague, 315 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.
Page 252. (Dining end of living room, upper) Dining furniture: Drexel Furniture Company, Drexel, N. C.
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Page 253. (Master bedroom, lower) Furniture: Kent-Coffey Mfg. Co., Lenoir, N. C.
Bedding: Spring-Air, Holland, Mich.
Rug: "Cassandra," Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., 140 Madison, New York 16, N.Y.

How to arrange flowers for your occasional tables

Page 74. (Upper left) Flower bowl: The Haeger Potteries, Inc., Dundee, Ill.
Ash tray: Koscherak Bros., 129 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
(Upper right) Bark container and arrangement by Irene Hayes Flower Shop, Park Avenue at 47th Street, New York City.
(Lower right) Flower container: Yerbysmiths Ceramics, 379 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, Calif.
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Page 136. Humpty Dumpty stool: Gift Shop, 142 Second Street, Keyport, N. J.
Metal ladder with fold-out tray: Sunmaster Products Company, San Bruno, Calif.
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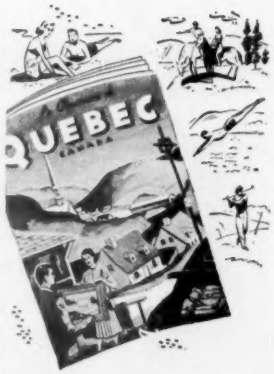

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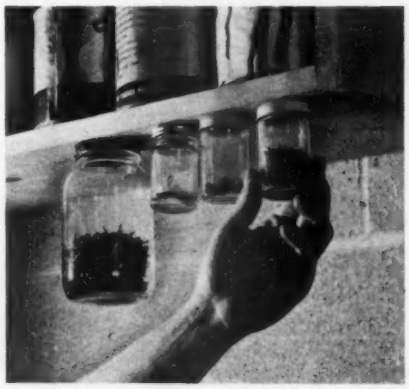

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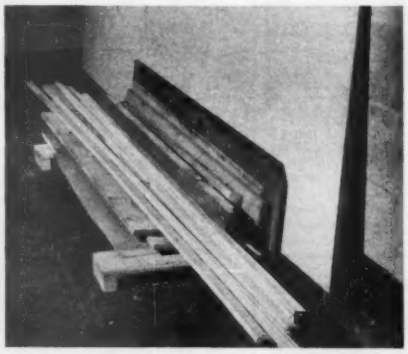

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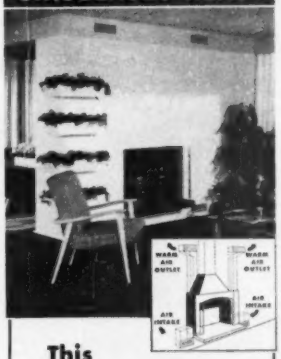

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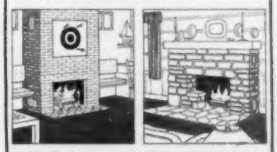

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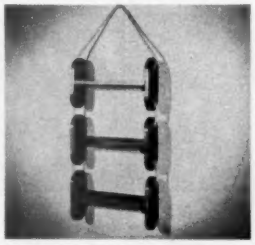

Rustic nautical whatnot shelves are hand-rubbed pine in a warm brown finish. Sturdy enough to support, in proper style, a man's collection of "relics." Black stud nails hold three shelves in place on side supports. Shelves occupy about 30"x15" of wall space, not counting length of rope for hanging. *Jacob's Ladder Whatnot Shelf*, $9.95, ppd. William Spencer, 710 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 6, Pa.

Fisherman's creel is made of woven plastic that allows plenty of ventilation to keep fish in good condition and is smooth-textured so it is not snagged by bushes. Creel measures 12½"x14", and can be folded up and pocketed. Fabric is a woven mixture of leaf green and ivory. *Lumite Fishing Creel*, $3.50, plus postage. Abercrombie & Fitch, Madison Avenue at 45th, New York 17, N.Y.

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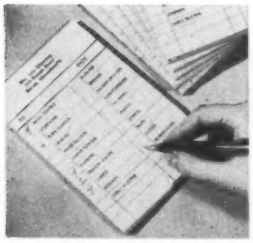

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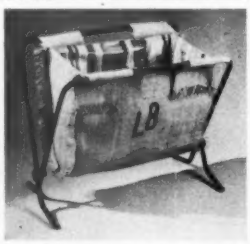

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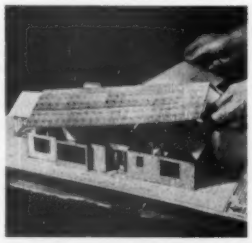

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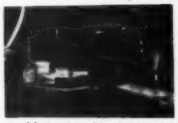

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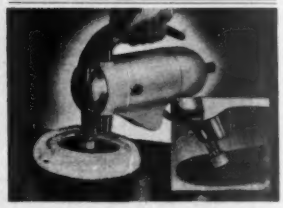

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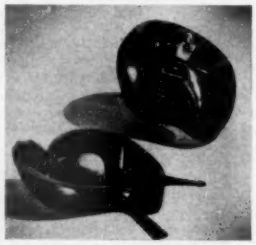

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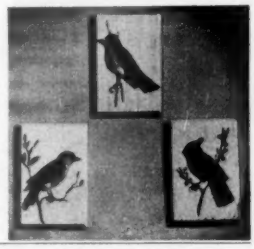

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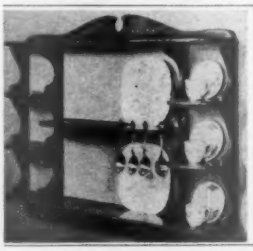

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On April first, I always kick at hats and snatch at shabby wallets on the sidewalk. Having been a tireless April-fooler of adults when a boy, I deem it my grown-up duty to be as cooperative as they were.

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This weather makes me want to be a farmer, but I'm waiting until animals that are good to eat are as easy to care for as our cat.

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Suddenly the living-room fireplace has lost its coziness, and that pile of stone that stood a snow- and mud-splashed eyesore through the winter has somehow become a fine outdoor barbecue.

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"We are all in the same boat," Hal Rutgers said as we stopped to read a bulletin outside the newspaper office. "Only some are rowing and some are rocking."

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If spanking were done only by those parents who "believe" in it, not many kids would feel a parent's palm. It's those of us who *don't* believe in it, but find ourselves swinging before we can think of an alternative, who really keep the custom alive.

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When I was a boy, I told my son, I was glad to help with the family chores. "Sure," he replied. "I'd be glad too if my chore was to feed my horse."

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We're not quite sure how to redecorate little sister's room—whether to use plain paint that will be marked up, or figured wallpaper that will be peeled off.

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If we ever have another son, I don't think I'll care whether he's athletic, brilliant, or even polite. All I'll hope for is a boy who can walk past a piece of furniture without bumping into it.

Nightly thought at 10:30—when we build our dream house, there's going to be a drinking fountain in each of the children's bedrooms!

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Although the lady down the block works harder at being a woman of the world than at being a housewife, nothing pleases her quite so much as a compliment on her cooking.

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My banker wonders if the reason his mother's pies were so much better than his wife's is that they filled a boy's, and not a tired businessman's stomach.

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The fear of being laughed at has kept a lot of men from being fools—or geniuses.

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A hamlet is where the prettiest girl in town works at the cafe.

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All the world loves a lover except when he chooses Sunday morning to teach his girl how to play golf.

I've noticed that nothing disturbs a small boy more than to have you bump into something he is carefully building, a moment before he is ready to kick it to pieces.

Surely, when I was a child, I must have asked my father many of the same questions my kids ask me. When did I forget the answers?

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One of the reasons we got married was so we could sit up at night and talk without being disturbed by members of her family or my family.

Now our evenings are broken up by little members of our family.

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"Giving daughters away in marriage," an old friend remarked contentedly, "is like casting bread upon the waters. And at our Easter reunion, my return in grandchildren will be exactly seven-fold."

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As soon as Junior outgrows his bike, off comes our front porch. I'm not taking any chances on having to crawl over his roadster before I can get in the front door.

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I can't help it, but every time I read about a poor boy marrying the daughter of a millionaire, I wonder if my son will be that thoughtful about *his* dad's old age.

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The only reason I can think of for not having any more children is that I don't think I could read Mother Goose aloud another thousand times.

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A girls' adviser at a university told me a professional secret that parents ought to share. "Never let young people confide too much. As long as they know more about themselves than you do, they will often ask you for advice. But if they feel they have gone too far and told too much, they will feel mentally naked before you and ashamed, and they will avoid you."

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